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From SMAIL BASIC:

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THE NEW CANADIAN BREED

In 1969, I got married and had a room and kitchen on the second floor. Outside, under the kitchen window, I had a box with two Tippler prints that I had bought at the local market. My wife and I were fortunate enough to save some money for a down payment on a house where one quarter of the double garage was used for my birds. I flew youngsters every day from the garage and I had no idea about droppers. When the birds had enough they came down. The birds were prints, blues, duns and silvers. At my new job in 1974, I met Oskar Zovic. Being of the good nature that I am, (nock on wood), I gave Oskar two young birds that I had flown 10 hours-even (that was a great time, I might add). They were very pretty birds, one was a blue bar and the other was a dun grizzle. I then introduced Oskar to my source of pigeon supply: the local market. From then on, our friendship grew as did our stock of birds. By then we bought our birds from the local fanciers: Virtoli, Wilson, Hunt... In those days, the birds that we had were of a few different strains: Pass, Waterfall, Lincoln... Because these birds were imported to the States, Americans called them "The Little Canadians". Now Americans have given us many different strains, we are grateful, but we'll name them ourselves this time. We'll call them "The New Canadians" until we find a more appropriate name for all of these integrated strains of birds that we possess today. Through Hunt, Oskar and I got in touch with Wayne Tomsic and bought a few pairs of Lovatts. We then joined the FTA. We met Helmut Lemke, Udo Begert, Dave Salter and Art Bruce. From these four gentlemen we obtained the Davis (Swansea) strain of Tipplers. Swansea are the birds that were imported to Canada in the late 60s or early 70s by the late Bob Ball. These birds were from a few English gents including Davis. At about the same time Ball imported some Lovatts from the States from Percy Hagan and crossed these two imports. Once the two strains were crossed, the individual identity of each breed was lost and the creation of, in my opinion, "The New Canadian" breed had begun. When Bob Ball passed away, Helmut Lemke obtained all of Bob's stock and unselfishly shared these wonderful birds with us. I thank you, Helmut for the birds, your kindness will always be appreciated. Later, Oskar got Bartholomews and Greens from Wayne. Oskar got Boden, Hughes, Carnews, Macs, Fields and others from our American friends: Walter Wiechoc, Stan Ogozalek, Tim Kvidera, Al Lukez, Milan Markovic, Hamid Al Ahmadi... A token of appreciation is way over due to Wayne Tomsic for giving us our lovely Lovatts, Bartholomews and Greens. Thank you Wayne. Thanks to Oskar for being generous and helping me and many others with great birds. (It is my privilege to know Oskar who is a giant in our sport.). Thanks to Walter, Tim, Stanley, Al, Milan, Hamid and all the others who gave Canada beautiful creatures that we could call "The New Canadians" unless a more appropriate name would be Zovich's strain of Tipplers which is either way our New Canadian breed.

Yours in the sport,



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LET'S TRY SOMETHING ELSE

In the interest of endeavoring to get more of our members to participate in our club activities, we initiated a GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS Form. About 20% of our membership participated in this survey. Needless to say, this was disappointing to me as well as the other Officers of our Club. I thank those who participated and they are the same members who generally take part in our fly competition. But, what about the rest of you? You like to read the outstanding FTA Bulletins that Robert Powell publishes, but do you help him by providing him with something to put in the Bulletin?

Now I can understand that some members are private people and dislike talking about themselves, hence they do not like to write a note for the Bulletin, but every member I am sure likes to talk about their birds. With that in mind, I would like to refer to an article written by your Secretary, Robert Powell, which appeared in the May 29th issue of the Bulletin published in 1990. It was entitled "Describe Your Birds." In it, Robert asked the members to write a brief article describing our strain or family of Tipplers that we fly. He said that it did not have to be elaborate just a few lines. Robert went on to say that it was important information because it would be interesting reading for our fellow members and it would be a recorded history of the Sport of Tippler flying.

I did not see any response to this request by Robert in further Bulletins. Here again, gentlemen, if you want to read interesting and informative Bulletins, let's do something about it and not leave it all up to the usual members.

Now, having said the above, I am attaching a Form listing 8 questions which I am posing to each of our members. These are the basic things that Robert Powell wanted to know in the article described above. I have just simplified it by asking questions. The responses should make interesting reading for our membership and they will be published in forthcoming Bulletins. I do not think this is too much to ask so please help us out and fill out the attached questionnaire and return to me as your convenience. I, in turn, will type it up and forward it on to Robert Powell for publication.

Jerry O'Rourke

(The 8-question form referred to here by Jerry is given on the back of this page. Please complete the form and return it to Jerry.)

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Name: _____

1. What strain and family of Tipplers do you fly?
2. How were these birds acquired?
3. What colors are your birds?
4. Do they fly high, medium high or low?
5. What do you particularly like about your birds?
6. In breeding them, what do you look for in your birds?
7. What type of feed do you give them and how often do you feed?
8. Anything else you can tell us about your birds?

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA BULLETIN



October 9, 1993

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope this finds all having an enjoyable summer/autumn. Based upon the national news reports, for most of us it has been a memorable year. Floods, record heat, etc. It has also been a productive one as you will see elsewhere in this BULLETIN. We have had some pretty good flying times and decent participation in our contests. Congratulations to all who competed. Wherever your kit placed, you are all "winners" for putting in the effort and participating. And a special congratulations to those who flew some very good times.

As we are winding down our breeding season, think about that last round of young birds. They will make prime candidates for the Fall Series flys. By participating you will get the detailed fly report about two weeks after the fly, rather than have to wait for the BULLETIN. Jerry O'Rourke does a great job compiling the reports, which give everyone a good idea of what each competitor had to deal with and how the kit performed.

While giving kudos, I also need to mention S. Robert Powell's BULLETIN efforts. All whom I have talked to have remarked how good they are. Remember, the BULLETINS are the vehicle through which the members can communicate with the entire FTA membership. Send in your news items, articles, things of interest, and they will be published in the BULLETIN. We are all interested in hearing from fellow members.

Best wishes,

Tim

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

EDWARD C. LODGE, 331 Netherland Avenue,
Staten Island, NY 10303.

TOM LA VECCHIO, 30420 St. Road, Box 1806,
Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

VICTOR ADAMS, HC-61, Box 2385, Hyden, KY
41749. Victor has raised Homers for three
years. He has just purchased 6 Tipplers and
two Long Face Clean Leg Tumblers from
Michael Richardson, Delaware. Victor is
interested in buying some additional Tipplers
and would appreciate hearing from anyone who
has birds for sale.

WAYNE C. ERICKSON, 1263 Lower Sunnyslope
Road, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Wayne's phone
number is 509-662-0173. He is interested in
hearing from other Tippler fanciers in the
Northwest.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

This is the third FTA BULLETIN to be published this year, and it is packed full (14 pages) of interesting reading. Special thanks to Jerry O'Rourke, Central Timer, for the hours and hours of dedicated and conscientious work in preparing the Fly Reports that are presented herein on pp. 3-9. Special thanks to Jerry, also, for preparing for publication the Questionnaire Responses that are presented herein on pp. 10-14. Jerry O'Rourke is doing an outstanding job as Central Timer. His conscientious, dedicated work and his enthusiasm are well known to all of us and we all owe him our sincere thanks for what he has done for the FTA in recent years.

The fourth of the FTA's quarterly BULLETINS will be published at the end of the calendar year. Just for the record, an FTA BULLETIN was published on February 17, 1993 (11 pages), and one was published on April 9, 1993 (16 pages).

A complete list of FTA members and their phone numbers will be published in the BULLETIN that is published at the end of this year. If you would like your phone number published in the BULLETIN, and you are not sure whether or not I have your number, send me a note and give me your number.

Sincerely,

S. Robert Powell

FROM GERMANY

WILLFRIED BRUCHERT (Hollander Weg 19, D 2980 Norden, Germany) would like to correspond with Tippler fanciers in America. He has been raising Tipplers for a number of years and flies his birds for his own pleasure but not in competitions. His letter to the FTA is written in English, so one need not know German in order to correspond with Mr. Bruchert.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series I - April 24/25
OFFICIAL SYSTEM
(Old Birds)

H. Al Ahmadi - (14:23) - Kit of 4 hens (FTS92-3131, FTA92-809, 1041 and CTC92-646) released at 624AM and lights and droppers out at 847PM. All birds down together at 849PM with last bird in trap at 858PM. Timed by Dick Graham.
WEATHER: Clouds cover 20%, 68-85 Degrees with winds 15-25 MPH from South and Humidity 85%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: The birds flew low to medium all day. The clouds kept them going, however, the heat slowed them down, but I am very pleased with their performance.

H. Smith - (13:03) - Kit of 5 Cocks released at 556AM, (OTU92-151, 186, 185, 182 and FTA92-1042) Fantail droppers out at 659PM and a birds down together at 659PM with last bird in trap at 702PM.
WEATHER: Sunny in AM, Raining in PM, Winds moderate and variable Humidity.
Timed by H. Keay
TIMER'S COMMENTS: Kit was ready for this fly. Flew so well thru heavy afternoon rain. I have no doubts that on a decent day they could easily have gone from daylight to dark.

H. Keay - (4:30) - Kit of 6 hens (FTA92-1027, OTU92-180, 162, 158, 160 and 161.) released at 555AM and four down at 1025AM and two down at 11:10AM with last bird in trap at 11:12AM.
WEATHER: Heavy rain all morning.
Timed by Harry Smith.
TIMER'S COMMENTS: These 6 hens were in perfect condition. The adverse weather was against them. I know they will do better next fly. We could not get the full weather report; we were too wet to go into the house and check.

T. Mirseyedi - (Disqualified) - Kit of 7, two cocks and five hens - (FTA92-602, 609, 610, 612, 626, 633 and 645) Released at 538AM and Dun Droppers out at 727PM. Disqualified because birds overflew, too strong, but an excellent try regardless.
WEATHER: Partly cloudy to cloudy, 52 to 75 degrees, Barometer at 30.04 to 30.05 Steady, Winds 8-18 MPH with gusts to 30MPH and Humidity 89 to 50.
Timed by: Ali Rajabnik
TIMER'S COMMENTS: The high wind started around noon and did not stop till around 6PM. Birds rode the wind for 6 hours without spending a lot of energy and at dropping time they still had plenty in them. We could see them till 8PM when they disappeared into the night.

HONOR SYSTEM

R. Kehrer - (14:21) - Kit of two cocks and one hen, (FTS90-1681, FTA91-1402 and FTA92-1394) released at 548AM. Droppers and lights at 809PM and all birds down at 811PM with last bird in trap at 815PM.
WEATHER: 50-100% Cloud cover, temperature at 51 Degrees, Barometer 30.15, Winds calm at 15MPH from Southwest and Humidity 97%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: This is my longest fly in competition. It was one of the nicest days I have had to fly in competition. It started out cloudy and a few drops of rain, and threatened to rain all day; it ended with a few drops of rain. I know that they could have flown longer, but with the cloud cover, I lost 10 to 15 minutes flying time. The wind was out of the SW for most of the day, but about 2PM, it stopped and got calm for the rest of the day.

Birds flew low in the morning and about 10AM they started up, from then on they flew like yo-yos. Some of the time I had trouble seeing them, but never over 15 minutes. It was fun to watch them fly. They didn't slow down till about 3PM and then they really went high. About 7PM they got much lower and I didn't like how calm it was. About 750PM I saw a bird lock wings and coming at the kit. I thought it was a falcon going to get a bird; my heart stopped. As it passed my birds, I could see it was a sea bird looking for its kin.
I knew they could go all day if the weather would be nice to them.

E. Young - (9:52) - Kit of 3 cocks (FTA92-401, 406 and 470) released at 600AM with White Tumbler Droppers out at 352PM and all three birds down at 355PM with last bird in trap at 400PM.
WEATHER: Sunny AM, Clouds PM. Temperature 40-65 Degrees Barometer at 30.3, Winds at 10MPH.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Birds flew at a medium height; stayed in the area most of the time; raked at least once each hour for a short period. Lost a kit of 6 hens in training - that's Tippler flying.

S. Ogozalek - (5:45) - Kit of 3 cocks (FTA91-2017, FTA92-1309 and 1311) released at 545AM and all 3 birds down at 1130AM with last bird in trap at 1215PM.
WEATHER: Calm winds, 58-78 Degrees.
CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS: Received a note from Stan along with his Report stating that he had lost some of his flying kit and he had to put this kit together rather quickly. Knowing Stan, I'm sure they will be ready next time.

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R. O. Ogren - (5:23) - Kit of 2 hens and 1 cock (FTA92-2820 and 2823 and FTS92-654) released at 8:24AM and all birds down together at 147PM with last bird in trap at 1:51PM.
WEATHER: Overcast, 66-78 Degrees, Winds 5MPH at start, 20MPH after 11AM from NW.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Birds raked well at all times. Started at medium height, but dropped in altitude after it got windy. Considering my level of mismanagement, I was very satisfied with the birds' performance.

J. O'Rourke - (5:01) - Kit of 3 birds, 2 Cocks and a Hen (FTA91-1293, FTA92-233 and 238) released at 7:27AM and all down together at 12:28PM with last bird in trap at 12:35PM.
WEATHER: Sunny, mild, 55-72 Degrees, Barometer at 30.10F, Winds from SW at 20MPH and Humidity at 48%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Had to substitute a hen in this kit having lost the cock last week. No other cocks available to fly. Will try this same kit next time.

T. Rvidera - (2:28) - Kit of 3 hens (FTA91-2157, 2183 and FTA92-1235) - released at 5:44AM and all birds down together at 8:12AM with last bird in trap at 8:15AM.
WEATHER: Cloudy, 47-50 Degrees, Barometer 29.28 and winds from NE at 5-15 MPH. Humidity at 40%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: A real disappointment. Expected a lot more from this kit, but I put them up too heavy and they apparently did not want to be in the air with the hawk, lightning and thunder. Wasn't raining here but close. Sunday had beautiful fly weather. Oh well, maybe next time.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series II - May 8/9
Old Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

H. Al Ahmadi - (15:17) - (CTRC92-646, FTA92-1041, FTS92-3131) Three hens released at 6:11AM. Lights on at 9:28PM Birds down together at 9:29PM with last bird in trap at 9:34PM.
WEATHER: Cloudy, 71-88 Degrees, Barometer at 29.7 and Rising. Winds 10-20 MPH from SW and Humidity at 84%. Timed by Dick Graham.
TIMER'S COMMENTS: The birds flew well, raking away and flying medium for most of the day. I must say it was not a bad day to fly with good cloud coverage and breeze, with occasional showers. Humidity was high, but the nice breeze balanced off the effect. Originally, I had planned to fly four hens as I did in the First Series, but their fourth partner, the little silver hen, didn't eat or wanted a drink at their last feeding so I decided to go with the three, and I am glad I did so. If the hot Texas weather cooperates, this kit will continue to fly, otherwise, they will be put away for next year.

O. Zovlich - (14:05) - (OTU92-102, 103, 115, 121, 132, 143, 127) Seven cocks released at 5:30AM with Tumbler Droppers out at 7:35PM and all birds down together at 7:35PM. Last bird in trap at 8:10PM. Timed by Farzin Mirzaagha.
WEATHER: Clear, 60-76 Degrees, Barometer 102.25KPS, Wind 0-6 KM PH from ESE and Humidity at 30%.
TIMER'S COMMENTS: Considering that today was the hottest day in this year and not enough wind, birds did a good job with 14:05.

H. J. Smith - (12:56) - OTU92-151, 186, 185, 182 and FTA92-1042) Five cocks released at 5:34AM. Fantail Droppers out at 6:30PM and all birds down together at 6:30PM with last bird in trap at 6:34PM.
WEATHER: Sunny in AM, Cloudy in PM. 28-70 Degrees. No wind and Humidity at 75%. Timed by Herb Keay.
TIMER'S COMMENTS: Birds started well, seemed to face heavy going in the PM.

H. Keay - (9:50) (OTU92-180, 158, 160, 161, FTA92-1027) Five hens released at 5:30AM with Fantail Droppers out at 3:20PM. One bird down at 3:20PM and 4 birds down at 3:25PM with last bird in trap at 3:30PM.
WEATHER: Sunny, 42-70 Degrees, Winds 10MPH from SW and Humidity at 41%. Timed by H. J. Smith.
TIMER'S COMMENTS: It was an ideal day for a fly. One bird, FTA92-1027 just packed it in.

HONOR SYSTEM

R. Kehrler - (11:48) - (FTS90-1681, FTS91-1402, FTS92-1394) Two cocks, one hen released 5:30AM and Droppers out at 5:18PM with all 3 birds down together at 5:18PM. Last bird in trap at 5:26PM.
WEATHER: Clear, 44-80 Degrees, Barometer at 30.15. Winds 25-30 NW and Humidity at 79%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: The birds flew low most of the time with the wind from the North they didn't have a chance of flying all day. North winds are on their backs and gives the birds a hard time. One time they flew over the house and a down draft hit them and pushed them to less than 6 feet high. I thought they were going to hit the ground. I like southern winds and hate the northern wind for flying. With the heat 85 Degrees the last two weeks, they haven't flown much, and it showed.

S. Ogozalek - (10:04) - FTA92-1311, 1335 and 1340) One hen and two cocks released at 5:28AM and White Droppers out at 3:32PM. Two birds down at 3:40PM and one at 3:45PM. Last bird in trap at 3:51PM.
WEATHER: Clear, no clouds, 55-88 Degrees. Winds 0-10. FLYER'S COMMENTS: Kit could have gone longer, but due to heat 86 Degrees, they began to "look" so I released Droppers and took the ten hours and 4 mins.

J. O'Rourke - (3:12) - FTA91-1293, FTA92-238 and MH89-574) Three cocks released at 7:00AM and all three came down together at 10:12AM with last bird in trap 10:22AM.
WEATHER: Clear skies, 55-82 Degrees. Barometer 30.14 Winds from SW at 5-10 MPH and Humidity at 80%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: I have been flying a hen with these two cocks, but they have been coming down early so I thought I would try an old breeder cock MH89-574 with them, but this did not work out either.

T. Kvldera - (DISQUALIFIED) - (FTA91-2157, 2183 and FTA92-1235)
Three hens released at 533AM. One bird down out of bounds (1235) early on then failed to return.
WEATHER: Clouds, 60-65 Degrees, Barometer 29.58
Winds calm 5-10 W and Humidity 100-85%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Started them late due to thunder shower. 1235 unable to fly much over an hour, unsure why as she never returned. Kit had not been in air in over a week due to my travel schedule. Other two did 7 p.us hours before I dropped them.

E. Ogren - (DISQUALIFIED) - (FTA92-262, 2825 and FTS92- 654)
Three hens released at 637AM and all down at 836AM. Last bird in trap 630PM. Disqualified because birds failed to trap within hour and failure to check bands upon trapping.
WEATHER: Overcast, 70-76 Degrees, Winds calm to 20's with gusts over 30MPH, occasional light drizzle and sometimes rain.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Disappointment, short fly time and went to trap and they took off for a two hour spin. Went to trap again and instant replay.

E. Young - (DISQUALIFIED) - (FTA92-401, 470 and 490)
Three cocks released at 655AM. First bird down at 230PM, second bird at 245PM and third bird disappeared. Disqualified because third bird disappeared after Hawk showed up at 2PM. Only two birds down.
WEATHER: Sunny, 55-82 Degrees. Barometer at 30.01 winds 8 MPH.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Pair of Hawks appeared at 11AM and soared in the area for awhile and at 2PM another Hawk appeared. Third bird gone to date.

T. Mirseyedi - CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS: Tony sent in his Report stating that he did not fly due to chance of having bad weather and he decided not to fly since he lost 4 of his old flyers in the last fly.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series III - May 22/23
Old Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

H. Ahmadi - (15:22) - (FTA92-1041, FTS92-3131 and CTC92-646)
Three hens released at 603AM with Lights and Droppers out at 925PM. Birds down at 925PM, 928PM and 9:28PM with last bird in trap at 933PM. Timed by Dick Graham.
WEATHER: Cloudy, 72-85 Degrees, Barometer at 29.2.
Winds 10-15 MPH from South, 86-90% Humidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: FTS92-3131 was bred in Fall of 1992 and had not been through a molt. She has not dropped her fourth and struggled for latter part of the evening and prevented the kit from going longer, which they were easily capable of doing 16:00 plus.

HONOR SYSTEM

S. Ogozalek - (15:08) - (FTA92-1311, 1335 and 1340)
One hen and two cocks released at 503AM. White Droppers out at 811PM and all birds down at 828PM with last bird in trap at 837PM.
WEATHER: Clear skies, 55-78 Degrees, Winds 10-15 NW.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Same kit as in 2nd OB Fly, kit rained down on Wednesday after 6 hours.
Kit flew in style with good raking, up and down; were easy to referee; kit held on past 15 hour mark when flyer got nervous and released Droppers. Nice fly.

T. Mirseyedi - (14:20) - (FTA92-610, 633 and 645)
Three hens released at 515AM and Nun Droppers out at 735PM. All down at 738PM with last bird in trap at 740PM.
WEATHER: Clear, 45-77 Degrees. Barometer 30.16 with calm winds 8 MPH from NNE and Humidity 35%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: A beautiful day. Birds flew very high in morning and dropped to medium height after noon. These three little hens made me proud since they had to fly on a very low feed-up.

HONOR SYSTEM

E. Young - (12:42) - (FTA92-470, 406 and 419)
Three cocks released at 528AM with White Tumblers out at 610PM. All birds down together at 645PM and last bird in trap at 650PM.
WEATHER: 50% Cloudy, 50% Sunny, 55-70 Degrees temperature, Barometer at 29.95; winds 10 MPH NW. 45% Humidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Birds flew low to medium most of the day. Went high in afternoon - they seemed to be playing, chasing each other over the sky. They usually kit very tightly.

R. Kehrer - (8:18) - (FTS90-1681, FTA91-1402 and FTA92-1394)
Two cocks, one hen released 5:17AM. Droppers out 135PM and birds down 141PM, 144PM and 149PM with last bird in trap at 149PM.
WEATHER: Zero Cloud cover, 53-89 Degrees, Barometer 30.00 Winds from NW calm 15-25 with 85% Humidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: It started out calm but soon as the sun came up so did the wind. It was almost like two weeks ago, but this week was hotter. Friday with a South wind it was 78 Degrees. Saturday, it topped out at 89 Degrees with a North wind 11 Degrees hotter in one day. I didn't try for ten hours; all I tried for was 8 hours and I got that so I put out the Droppers and let them come down. All in all, it was a good fly.

O. Ogren - (DISQUALIFIED) (FTA92-2802 and 2820. CTC92-674)
Three cocks released at 703AM and all came down at 746AM with last bird in trap at 1230PM. Disqualified because birds failed to trap within hour.
WEATHER: High cloud cover, 64 Degrees, Winds about 5MPH out of South.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: It looked good on paper: substitute milk for water to get extra fat, protein and minerals in birds. What you obtain is a kit "as loose as a Goose" and energetic as a rock. I think all their feed went straight through them. I should have never turned them out after seeing their droppings. I just wasn't thinking.

T. Kvidera -

(6:06) - (FTA91-2157 and 2183. FTA92-1205)
Three hens released 507AM and all down together at 11:13AM
with last bird in trap at 11:15AM.
WEATHER: PC-cloudy, 47-58 Degrees, Barometer 29.50 with
winds 5-10 MPH from SE and Humidity at 63%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Not a time to brag about, but I am
happy anyway when one considers that until less
than 2 weeks ago the third bird of this kit had
not been in the air for over a month, just
sitting in a kit box getting fat.

S. Basic

(DISQUALIFIED) - FTA93 - 1991, 1994 and 1988)
Three birds, sex uncertain, released at 507AM and
Fantail droppers out at 8PM. All down together at
807PM and last bird in trap at 809PM. Reason for
Disqualification was that birds were out of sight for
most of the day and the Timer went home after three
hours.
WEATHER: Clear, 40-70 Degrees, Barometer at 102.1.
Winds from NW at 20MPH. Humidity 35-80.
CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENT: Had a nice note from Small
explaining his Disqualification. He also
sent along some nice pictures, one of which
was of a Mealy cock, a beautiful bird. This
is a new color for Small's birds.

HONOR SYSTEM

T. Mirseyedi -

(11:28) - (FTA93- 508, 510 and 512)
Three birds, sex uncertain, released at 627AM and
Nun Droppers out at 555PM. All down together at 557PM
with last bird in trap at 600PM.
WEATHER: Partly cloudy, 74-88 Degrees, Barometer 30.03.
Winds from west at 12MPH and Humidity at 70%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Hot and humid day but the breeze was
helping. Birds flew medium to high. Around
lunch, birds were flying real high. I was lucky
to drop them when I did because a strong thunder-
storm hit my area shortly right after.

G. Hulst

(11:04) - (FTA93- 1058, 1060 and 1061)
Three hens (I believe) released at 606AM and Thief
Pouter Dropper out at 510PM. All down together at 511PM
with last bird in trap at 537PM.
WEATHER: Partly cloudy, 54-65 Degrees, Barometer 29.5
and rising and light Northwest winds.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Beginner's luck. Very nice day. Rained
all night, clouds breaking up in morning. The
birds were all 13 weeks old. They flew low at
treetop height most of the time, but they never
looked at the loft until 450PM. I also raced
Homers today over 400 mile station. No day birds
in Club. The Tipplers did better. Will try
again in two weeks.
CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENT: Gary is a new member of our Club
and he did very well on his first try.

R. O. Ogren -

(3:47) - (FTA93-1028, 1030 and 1031)
Two cocks, one hen, released at 705AM and all down at
10:52AM with last bird in trap at 11:04AM.
WEATHER: Solid high cloud cover; 78-88 Degrees, Winds
calm for first hour then 5-10MPH for 2nd hour
then 15-20MPH with stronger gusts the rest of
time. Humidity unknown but very muggy at
start but didn't notice it as winds picked up.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: This has been the most erratic
I've ever trained in my limited experience.
Birds flew 2x to 3x treetop level for first
1-1½ hours then dropped in altitude as winds
picked up and raked out of sight only twice
during fly.

J. O'Rourke -

(3:26) - (FTA93-1213, 1222, and 1301)
Three birds, sex uncertain, released at 924AM and
all three down at 1250PM with last bird in trap 135PM.
WEATHER: Cloudy, drizzle most of day. 56-60 Degrees,
Barometer 29.87, Winds from NE at 20MPH and
Humidity at 96%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Could not release birds
earlier due to heavy rain. My breeding season so far
has been adlaster, infertile eggs, deformed bird,
settling loss, etc. These three birds were acquired
from Ray Slater on May 17th, and I had less than three
weeks to settle them and train them. I know I pushed
them too much, but I am pleased with their performance
under the circumstances. Thanks Ray, and I know they
will do better next time. They were only 5 weeks old
when I obtained them from Ray.

H. Kogan -

(DISQUALIFIED) - (FTA93-688, 678, 687,691 and 685)
Sex uncertain released at 714AM. Disqualified because
birds did not trap within hour.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Kit flew for hour and a half and then
landed (I don't know why). They took off in a few
minutes and flew another four hours.
WEATHER: Cloudy-rain, 50's, Barometer 30.30 . East winds
gusty 25-30MPH.
Further FLYER'S COMMENT: This kit never did that before.
It's always something.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series II - June 19/20
Any Age Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Luka Kapac

(16:13) - FTA92 - 1541, 1542 and 1545.
Three hens released at 506AM and West of England Droppers
and Lights on at 919PM. First bird down at 926PM and
other two together at 928PM with last bird in trap 928PM.
WEATHER:
Sun and Cloud mix in AM; Rain in PM; 21 Degrees C,
no wind.
Witnessed by Nick Rukavina and Zlatko Kireta.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Not very good flying weather. The birds flew in the rain
for the last nine hours. Thanks to Oscar Zovich for being
so patient.

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HONOR SYSTEM

T. Mirseyedi - (12:07) - FTA93 - 508, 510 and 512. Hen, cock, hen (I think) released at 8AM with Nun Droppers out at 807PM. All birds down at 810PM with last bird in trap at 815PM.

WEATHER:

Mostly cloudy, 69-89 Degrees, Barometer 30.16. Winds 5-15 MPH and Humidity 36%. Dew Point 57%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Another hot day, but not as humid as it has been the last few days. I let the birds out late in the morning because I wanted them to fly to Sunset and did not want to push them too hard. They did real good and never showed signs of stress. They flew high the whole fly duration and looked good.

J. O'Rourke - (4:19) - FTA93 - 1213, 1222 and 1301. Sex uncertain. Released at 542AM with White Russian Tumbler Droppers out at 1001AM and all three birds down at 1002AM with last bird in trap at 1034AM.

WEATHER:

Cloudy, hazy, hot. 85-90 Degrees. Barometer 29.97 and winds from SW at 9 MPH. Humidity 78%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Unseasonably hot day. Birds flew only treetop height all morning, and I thought they were going to drop on numerous occasions. Finally, I had to put out Droppers as they were ready to come down. What is particularly pleasing here is that the birds responded to the Droppers. They held up as long as they could and waited for me to put out Droppers. I have worked for the past three weeks in Dropper training with these birds, and I think they did very well.

Gary Hulst - (Disqualified) - FTA93- 1060, 1061 and 1058) Three hens released at 6:11AM and all three down at 1210PM with last bird in trap at 130PM. Disqualified because birds did not trap with hour limit.

WEATHER:

Raining, 65-70 Degrees, Baromet 30.0 and falling with no wind and Humidity at 100%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Started raining at 8AM. We got 7 inches during the fly. I can't believe that they flew through that rain. Will try again in two weeks. Had it been a good day they would have gone long.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Gary added on a comment on his reason for disqualification that the birds did not trap within hour and next year he will change the left design so that it would not happen again.

Howard Kogan - Received a note from Howard that he could not fly his birds due to poor weather and family visits.

Tom Murphy - (Disqualified) - FTA93-1121, 1122, 1118, 1119, 1123 1125. A kit of 6 mixed youngsters released at 910AM with White Fantail Droppers out at 1153AM and all birds down together at Noontime - then spooked off roof with last bird in trap at 10AM the next day. Disqualified because kit spooked by Hawk and didn't get all birds in until the next day.

WEATHER:

Hot, hot hot. 78 to 90 Degrees then intense clear sunny skies. No wind. 78-80% Humidity. Witnessed by Susan Shull and Scott Murphy.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Miserable flying day. After 2 3/4 hours of flying, it was too hot so I decided to drop the birds. They dropped and then a Hawk scattered them off the roof. The last bird showed up Sunday morning after being out all night.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

I would like to commend Tom for his efforts in flying his birds. Last year, Tom requested 7 Timer Reports, but for various reasons he was unable to fly in any of the competitions, however, he sent me a note on each and every one of them as to his reasons for not flying. This year he finally made it. I wish more of our members would make such an effort as Tom did.

Omer Ogren - (Disqualified) - FTA92 - 2802. FTA93 - 1028 and 1030) Three cocks released at 616AM and all down together at 106PM with last bird in trap at 115PM.

Disqualified because Timer fell asleep so technically the birds were out of sight for over one hour.

WEATHER:

Overcast, 77-80 Degrees, Winds from NE calm to 5MPH at start increasing to 10-20 MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Made a change in the feeding program with improved results. Birds flew at medium height.

(No other entrants.)

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Summer Series III - July 3/4

YOUNG BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrees.

HONOR SYSTEM

H. Ahmadi - (8:31) - FTA93 - 755, 756 and 761) Three hens released at 603AM with Droppers out at 2:34PM. First bird down at 2:36PM and other two at 2:39PM with last bird in trap at 2:47PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, 72-96 Degrees, 89% Humidity, winds S at 10-20 MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Extremely hot day to fly. The kit flew high all day and then dropped and I decided they had enough.

T. Kvidera - (4:55) - FTA93-302, 305 and 309.) Cock, cock, hen released at 502AM. Bird 305 came down at 9:57AM and other two at 10:03AM after White Russian Tumbler Droppers put out at 9:58PM. Last bird in trap at 10:23AM.

WEATHER:

Cloudy, 64-70 Degrees, Barometer 29.12 with winds calm to SE at 5 MPH and Humidity at 90%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

A disappointment as this kit did 8 1/2 hours without feed-up a week ago in training. Unfortunately, was unable to fly them since. Even though they came down before the rains started, they were wet from the humidity.

G. Hulst -

(2:53) - FTA93-1060, 1061 and 1058.

Three hens released at 600AM with Thief Pouter Droppers out at 853AM. First bird down 853AM and other two at 9:10AM with last bird in trap at 9:37AM.

WEATHER:

Heavy overcast, 75 Degrees, Barometer 29.9 Rising No wind and humidity high.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Not a good day to fly. Looking forward to the Fall Series. Very nice Report you sent out, thanks.

H. Kogan -

(2:34) - FTA93- 686, 678, 687 and 697.

Sex uncertain released at 927AM and all three came down together at 12:01PM with last bird in trap 12:08.

WEATHER:

Full cloud cover, 63-73 Degrees. Barometer 29.97. Winds calm 97-100% Humidity. It drizzled lightly most of the day.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

This was my only chance to fly this weekend so I put them up - the birds haven't been flown much lately and between their lack of condition and the bad weather, the time is about what I expected. Hopefully, they will be more ready for the Fall Series.

J. O'Rourke -

(Disqualified) - FTA93- 1213, 1222 and 1301.

Sex uncertain released at 628AM and first bird came down at 12:15PM. Droppers out at 12:16PM and other two came down at 12:38PM with last bird in trap at 6PM.

WEATHER:

Rainy, cloudy, 63-75 Degrees. Barometer 30.03. Winds from NE at 6 MPH and 93% Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Weather did not call for rain. Birds put out in light drizzle. Heavy rain from 8AM to Noon. One bird came down and landed in tree behind Loft at 12:15PM. Droppers put out and as weather cleared the other two birds went high. You could see that they wanted to continue flying, but they came down reluctantly twenty minutes later. The bird in the tree came down and trapped at 6PM.

Disqualified because birds did not trap within hour.

A. Lukez -

(Disqualified) - FTA92-1150, 1152, 1157 and 1126. Four cocks released at 525AM with Droppers and Lights on at 10:32PM. All birds down same time at 10:34PM with last bird in trap at 10:39PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, 60-86 Degrees. Barometer 29.97. Winds from WSW at 7-10 MPH and Humidity at 65%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew very strong. Birds are in excellent condition and are trained very good. I have been training my birds after I come home from work. Birds are trained to fly in the dark. The three cocks are from the same blood line (Davis).

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

This is a fantastic time of 17:07 hours, but, unfortunately Al flew old birds by mistake. I hesitated to call him and tell him the bad news. Nevertheless, a wonderful fly. I might point out that Al took it very graciously.

ALSO

NOTES FROM: HARLEY SMITH

OMER OBERN

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Fall Series I - Sept. 18/19
Any Age Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

WEATHER:

4 Hens FTA93-1060, 1061, 1058 and IPB92-216. Two cocks FTA93-1066 and 1072. Birds released at 729AM. Thief Pouter Droppers out at 351PM and all birds down together at 351PM with last bird in trap at 409PM.

WEATHER:

Heavy clouds. 50-60 Degrees. Barometer at 30.4. Winds from North and a high Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Not a very nice day. Was hoping it would get better, but it started to drizzle at 330PM and that did the birds in. At 5PM the weather got great.

H. Kogan
(7:26)

FTA93-688, 687, 694, 680, 695 and 697. Four cocks and two hens released at 658AM and all down together at 224PM with last bird in trap at 230PM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 45-62 Degrees. Winds at 10-15 MPH from North-Northeast. Humidity 90%-55%. Barometer 30.35S.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

A decent fly for this kit. Wind was calm at release, but increased steadily until it was gushing 15-25 MPH by afternoon.

J. O'Rourke -
(DISQUALIFIED)

Three hens NPA92-AM177, FTA93-910 and 945 released at 738AM. White Russian Tumbler Droppers out at 201PM after 945 came down at 2PM. Other two birds continued flying until 610PM and trapped in at 615PM. Disq.-birds not trapped within hour.

WEATHER:

Clear. 60-70 Degrees. Barometer 30.03 with winds from Northwest at 15MPH and Humidity at 35%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Beautiful day for flying. Unfortunately, 945 dropped out too soon. He was the best I had available from a bunch that were all moulting. Unable to pull the other two down as the older bird was never trained to Droppers and she and the other bird flew very high all day.

A. Fuller -

Andy sent in his Report with the notation that it was still too hot - Birds haven't had any quality training time - maybe next time.

NO other entrants.

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Fall Series II - Oct. 2/3
Any Age Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants

G. Hulst
(11:07)

FTA93-1060, 1061, 1059, 1066, 1072 and IPB92-216.
Four hens and two cocks released at 753AM. Thief Pouter
Droppers out at 7PM and all birds down together at 703PM
with last bird in trap at 708PM.

Partly cloudy becoming clear. 45-55 Degrees. Barometer at
30.3 Steady 10-15 MPH winds from NW. Low humidity.

A great day. The birds weren't ready to come down, but I
wanted to make sure I got them in. They flew low from 11AM
to 4PM because of wind then went higher. The birds looked
in great shape.

T. Murphy
(9:02)

FTA93-1101, 1106, 1105, 1102, 1111, 1113 and 1103.
Seven hens (I think) released at 900AM. White Fantail
Droppers out at 602PM and all birds down together at 617PM.
Last bird in trap at 622PM.

Clear skies, 50-68 Degrees. Blustery winds 8-16MPH from
ENE and low humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I wasn't going to release them until I was sure it would
be a good day and so I got a late start, but the weather
turned out to be great. The birds raked well all day,
high and low. I am very pleased to finally have competed
without any disqualification.

A. Fuller
(6:39)

FTA93-654, 660 and 661.
Three hens released at 630AM. First bird came down at 109PM
and Droppers put out immediately and other two birds down
at 110PM with last bird in trap at 149PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, 67-87 Degrees, Light NNE winds and Humidity 71%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Fair day for a fly, but our birds are not quite ready yet.

O. Ogren
(1:33)

FTA93-1040, 1041 and 1042.

Two cocks and one hen released at 720AM and all
birds came down together at 853AM with last bird in
trap at 900AM.

WEATHER:

High cloud cover. 68 Degrees with winds Northerly at
5-10MPH.

Birds showed no promise in training and nothing
changed in the contest.

H. Kogan

Sent a note stating he was unable to fly his birds
due to windy, rainy weather.

No other entrants.

FTA QUESTIONNAIRES

If you have not answered both of the questionnaires
that were published in the FTA BULLETIN in the past two
years, please do so. Send your answers to Jerry O'Rourke
(201 Codman Road, Norwood, MA 02062). Your responses
will be published in the FTA BULLETIN.

Questionnaire #1: Get to Know Your Fellow Members

1. How did you get started in pigeons?
2. How large is your loft?
3. What family of Tipplers do you fly? Why did you choose that family of birds?
4. How many birds do you keep? How many pairs do you usually breed from?
5. How often do you fly your birds? Do you have trouble with hawks or other predators? How have you solved your predator problems?
6. Do you use kit boxes? If not, how do you house your flying birds?
7. Do you use droppers? If so, what kind? Are your birds trained to darkness?
8. Do you have any comments or suggestions to pass on to your fellow flyers?
9. Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the FTA? Are there any changes that you would like to see made?
10. Could you send a picture of yourself standing beside your loft so that we may know what our fellow members and their lofts look like?
11. Do you periodically have birds for sale? Are you willing to ship them via the Postal Service?

Questionnaire #2: Let's Try Something Else

1. What strain and family of Tipplers do you fly?
2. How were your birds acquired?
3. What colors are your birds?
4. Do they fly high, medium high or low?
5. What do you particularly like about your birds?
6. In breeding them, what do you look for in your birds?
7. What type of feed do you give them and how often do you feed?
8. Anything else you can tell us about your birds?

Given on pages 10-14 are responses to one or both of those questionnaires from Stanley Ogozalek, Jack Rowland, Bruce Knutson, Bob Rugaber, Ray Slater, Edward G. Schroeder, Luka Kapac, Tom Dickson, Kerry Richardson, Bruce Knutson, Herb Keay and Harry J. Smita, Richard R. Kehr, Jerry O'Rourke, Gary Hulst. Many other responses to these questionnaires have been published in the course of the past two years.

8. To be successful (to a high degree) one must be dedicated and that means everything else must come second. Take for example, Oscar Zovic. I visited him, his kit was flying in the rain and he was out there keeping an eye on them. Later, he came inside wet from head to toe. The results of his dedication are times of 16 hours plus! Quality stock + sound training + dedication + luck = High Results!

9. The Secretary and the Central Timer are to be commended for their high level of work in the club! Would it be possible to publish a manual for flying Tipplers?

10. Loft photo enclosed. (published in the April 9, 1993 BULLETIN)

11. Yes, I do sell Tipplers from time to time, however I don't advertise.

Tipplers are easy to buy and hard to sell. There are fanciers that are unwilling to pay a fair amount, want to pick, and choose, are more concerned about color than performance and seem to have doubts as to why one would sell proven kit birds.

Novices should be freely supplied with any and all the necessary training information to fly a kit up to and over the 10 hour mark from the established fancier who once the stock came.

Lofts can be photo perfect—but really...its the Tipplers that do the flying and the fancier that trains the kit that matters.

Name: Jack Rowland

Address: 1023 -38 Tiffin St. Bucyrus, OH. 44820

No phone number Name of Loft: HIGH TIMED LOFT

1. Haven't started yet, but got interested when I found an old APJ in 1989.

2. 8'x8'x8' Two 4'4'4' kit boxes. I have been building it for two years; I don't have a steady job.

3. Do not have any birds - looking for some.

4. I am looking for 3 pairs to start.

5. No.

6. Will use kit boxes, built to model after kit boxes in True Spinning Roller Book. Only book I could find that was performance minded.

Stan Ogozalek
23 Orchard St.
Keyport, NJ 07735

Loft Name:

'NO SENSAYUMA'

-translation-

(no sense of humor)

1. After seeing the many rooftop 'coops' in Jersey City, NJ and the stocks flying above them I knew that someday I'd have my own. I soon discovered two Pigeon stores in Hoboken, NJ and later came home with a pair of show homers that I flew from the fire escape. As an adult in 1970, my interest was renewed and I then started with Tipplers and joined the FTA and the ATU.

2. Loft is 20' long, by 6½' high, by 8' wide.

3. I fly two families of Tipplers.
Gordon Hughes and Jos. Davies (mostly from O. Zovic)

4. I keep six pairs of proven Gordon Hughes breeders, four pairs of Davies, ten Droppers (white tumbler, saddle muffs tumbler). As for flyers-I presently have a kit of six old hens, and ten young ones which are flying well. I am presently working on another kit.

5. I fly my old birds every fourth day or so, young birds about every third day, depending. Of course they're always flown to dark. Fortunately, I am not troubled by hawk too frequently.

6. As far as I'm concerned, kit boxes are a must whether they be group and/or single. Individuals are better though I have flown good times from the group boxes.

7. Yes, I do use Droppers, they are white self tumbler and saddle muff tumbler. Training Tipplers to Droppers is the conventional method and serious fanciers that I know and/or know of would not consider flying Tipplers in the natural style. My kits fly to darkness though I have not had much luck with dark training. I believe location plays a big part in dark flying, but that is a topic to be discussed in depth.

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7. The only birds I have are one pair of white Fantails which I got to use as droppers.
8. No suggestions, but would appreciate any help anyone could offer. Being only 14 years old, my means and traveling are very limited.
9. I liked the sample Bulletins very much. I hope to learn a lot; I know I have a lot to learn. Being too young to drive, it's hard to get any information any other way.
10. No photos at this time.
11. No birds for sale.

Note from Central Timer:

Here is an opportunity for some of our members in the Ohio area to help out this new junior member of our Club. Let's see what we can do to help him.

Bruce Knutson 783 C Street Washougal, WA. 98671
Tel. 206-835-3006

Name of Loft: COLUMBIA RIVER LOFTS

1. A man named John Rodarmel of Sweet Home, Oregon, got me started with American Rollers when I was about 12 years old. He helped develop that breed.
2. Loft is very small - 8x8x7.
3. I just received my birds from Bill Murphy. He told me that he got his birds directly from Mike Beat when he was in California.
4. I have 8 birds at the present time.
5. I probably won't start flying any birds until next year. As far as the Hawks and Falcons, I'm sure I will have problems with them, but I am a licensed Falconer and I know of several ways of trapping Hawks and Falcons unharmed so that you can relocate them. If anyone in the FTA has a problem with Hawks or anyone that flies pigeons and they want to know more about the traps and how to make one, I can make them for you.
6. I don't really know much about kit boxes or how to use them, and my loft will be expanding soon.
7. Plan to use Droppers when I start flying.
8. I would like to know of any tippler flyers or breeders on the West Coast preferably near my home which is near Portland, Oregon, that could be a timer.
9. I did read an article about putting records and info on microfilm. I think that is an excellent idea.

10. Picture enclosed. (Note on back of picture states that "this is the only picture I could find. I got lucky this day and caught a nice 18 pound Summer run Steelhead. I do a lot of fishing, archery, elk hunting and upland bird huntinging.")

11. Will eventually have birds for sale, but not now.



BRUCE KNUTSON

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Ray Slater
7 Arlington St.
Chelmsford, MA.

BOB RUGABER'S TIPPLERS

I don't have the outline Jerry sent, but here is the story of my Tipplers.

My first really good birds came from three pairs of Lovatts purchased from Wayne Tomsic, Cleveland, Ohio. Later, Wayne gave me Canadians and one Bartholomews hen to cross with the Lovatts in an attempt to make the youngsters easier to settle. The birds flew very high and I was pretty well satisfied with them.

About 1985 or 1986 I started to share breeding stock with my long time friend, Ralph E. Britt, of Harrisburg, PA. Ralph flies his birds nearly every day the year around. We both enjoyed plenty of high flying and several eight to ten hour days.

In 1990, I worked away from home May to October and had to cut my breeding stock in fancy poultry and Tippler pigeons way back. At that time Murray Gaskins of Georgia was developing his rainbow of new Tippler colors. When I returned home in November, he sent me 25 birds in assorted colors. Since then, Ralph and I have been blending our old Tomsic stock with the Gaskins. Mr Britt has since set up Tom Murphy with these crosses. We are all getting several unusual colors and they seem to fly well once they are settled. My losses at settling are high, but those that do stay seem equal to my old stock.

I am concentrating on the Andalusian blues, Dominant Opals and Bronze. I have bred excellent flyers in each color as well as some duds. In time I believe I will establish a strain of dependable flyers in the new colors.

I don't do feed-ups or anything fancy. I give the flyers a good breeder mix, but control the amount. My young birds fly from three to five or six times a week depending on weather and my schedule. Once it gets hot, I fly them less.

I now breed three rounds from 12 pairs and end up banding about 50-60 youngsters. I fly them for several weeks then I may pull a few of the really pretty colored ones to save for breeders. The rest are flown til November then I cull and set up breeders for the following year. I am very careful to use several of the birds flown to the bitter end as breeders.

This year (1993) I have put a full dose of the old Tomsic line into the crosses to keep my flying style and height up to standard. My first and second rounds are now in the air, and so far so good.

Bob Rugaber

1. Flies the Lovatt strain of Tippler.
2. Birds acquired from Seabridge, Seibel, O'Rourke and Dr. Bongiovanni.
3. Black checks, Reds, Yellows, Blue Pars, Silvers. light and medium prints, mottles and bronze.
4. Birds fly high and medium high.
5. They confine well. Good temperament and small enough to handle well, and the many colors that I breed. Not heavy on the feed.
6. In breeding, looks for small light birds, active and good parents. Some are smarter than others to flying and sitting in the trees. Clear eyes and short legs.
7. Purgrain conditioning with flint corn once a day.
8. I don't use droppers, nor do I fly birds late in the day.

Edward G. Schroeder
14 Gallimore Rd.
Brevard, NC 28712

1. Does not know strain of his Tipplers.
2. Birds given to Mr. Schroeder by Karl Weyerman of Easley, S.C. He is also a Roller man.
3. Birds are White, Black/white splash, Black, Red & White, mostly black.
4. Birds fly medium high and low. They do not fly as high as his Rollers that almost disappear if the weather is just right.
5. Mr. Schroeder likes his birds because they are good looking, kit well, trap in okay. Negatives are that they are nervous and jumpy when I clean the kit boxes or go to handle them. Best fly time if 4 1/2 hours.
6. No answer to breeding question.
7. Feeds his birds scratch feed in the evening - may feed a small amount early in the morning and fly late afternoon.
8. Trying to give them away - they don't seem very smart. Gotten better time with a kit of Rollers. Probably should try another strain, but may just stick to my Rollers. Hawks are terrible here. Didn't fly my birds all winter, but lost two in April - one on the 20th of April - may give up the hobby if this keeps on.

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Luka Kapac

676 Chiron Cres., Pickering, Ontario L1V-4V1

1. Birds are Oskar Zovich's own mix of birds bred down from Bartholomev and Davies strain.
2. My cousin and I found out about Oskar Zovich through a local Feather Fancier paper. We got in touch with him, but, before we could purchase the birds, he made sure that we knew everything about them.
3. The colors are of a wide variety from Prints to Mottles to Yellows, Reds and so on.
4. The Barts fly very high and the Swansea fly medium. Over the years, I have mixed the two giving me medium high flyers.
5. The best quality in these birds is their intelligence and stamina in rough weather. I have had birds fly through some bad thunderstorms and really awful weather without coming down.
6. In breeding the birds I look for size. The birds cannot be too big. If I have a large cock, I will make sure he is only bred with a small hen. I find the smaller birds are generally much tougher in rough weather. Color means nothing to me at this point, only performance.
7. In training, whether the birds are young or old they receive Barley and Wheat. On this feed, I find they can do 10 hours easily. Naturally, the older birds have an easier time doing it. Feed-up in general is Milo, Millet, Canary and Rape.
8. In learning things the hard way, I can only say if you want good hours from your birds you should always or whenever possible, fly your birds to the dark. Only through this repetitive habit will the birds develop a pattern that totally depends on you to call them down. I feed the birds once a day and only under the lights.

Tom Dickson

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1. Birds are down from Gordon Hughes' imports.
2. Birds acquired from my good friend, Stan Ogozalek.
3. Birds are Blue Bars with an occasional Silver.
4. Birds fly medium high.
5. Particularly likes the fact that when the birds are finally trained they are easy to handle.
6. In breeding, I look for good health and parent birds must be good feeders.
7. Breeders get regular mix with popcorn. Flyers get a mix of Barley, Milo, Wheat, Rice and sometimes Canadian peas. Birds fed once a day.
8. I have started flying again after a four year layoff because of Hawks. On June 16th I let 10 youngsters out for the first time. A Silver hen banded 1/25/93 took off and went cloud high, scared the hell out of me. To my amazement I saw her on and off all day. Nine hours later she landed and trapped in. Come Spring, I'm breeding her back to her grandfather.

Kerry Richardson

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1. Strain are perhaps Lovatts. Bought some in Northern Vermont and some from southern Maine.
2. Birds acquired as noted above.
3. Parents are Red and White. Offsprings are Red and White and Yellow and White. Some are bluish black and white, a few are all white.
4. Birds fly medium high.
5. When I have overfly or hawk problems with my Rollers, I send my Tipplers up about two hours later to draw the Rollers back in.
6. Looks for small birds in breeding.
7. Flying birds - A-1 Pigeon Feed. Brood birds - a laying pellets and corn. Feed once a day.
8. Don't know how to train these birds. Would appreciate any information you can supply.

NOTE: Mr. Richardson is a new member of the FTA. Could some of our experienced members send him some information on how to train his birds.

Bruce Knutson

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1. My birds were bred by Michael Beat
2. Birds acquired from Bill Murphy of Toppinish, WA.
3. Color of birds are Blk-White splash - Dun - Blue Bar, Silver bar and Black selfs.
4. Have not flown birds yet.
5. Likes the fact that they came from good stock.
6. In breeding, I look for alertness, clear bright eyes, body shape, the way they carry themselves and head shape.
7. Gold Cup feed. Grade A premium yellow corn, milo red wheat, Austrian peas, maple peas, safflower, green peas and Canadian peas.
8. These birds were purchased from Mike Beat by Bill Murphy. I would like to get in touch with Mike Beat and find out more background about the birds. If any of you know how I can reach Mike Beat, please let me know. Thank you.

Note from Jerry O'Rourke:

I forwarded Michael Beat's address to Bruce.

Herb Keay and Harry J. Smith

(Fly the same birds)

1. Fly a blended group of English strainsto be known as (The New Canadian Strain.)
2. Birds acquired mostly from Oskar Zovich as gifts. Three lovely cocks from Gord Chater as gifts.
3. Birds are all colors.
4. Birds do YoYo flying.
5. Admire good Tipplers.
6. In breeding, we like to match them in color and body confirmation.
7. Flying birds are fed once a day - Barley and Wheat, a little Flax and Gr^o.

Richard R. Kehrer

1. I have LOvatts, Fields and Davies crosses, then I cross them together.
2. A lot of birds were given to me and I bought some from Richard Seabridge, Rex Leon and Michael Beat.
3. Have Black, Dun, Blue, Silver, Red, Yellow, Bronzes, Sulphur and White. Have Self, Checks, Barred, Grizzles, Mottles, Smokey and Mottles.
4. Lovatts and Davies fly higher than the Fields, but that depends on the day.
5. Like the fact that they can fly over ten hours.
6. I like pure breeds for breeding. I like to cross them for my fliers, that's not saying that Pures can't fly, I like the high breed vigor I get in crossing.
7. Feed only once a day, my breeders get 16% and my fliers. It depends on what part of trying they are.
8. I have flown young birds in competition 12:49 and old birds 14:21 here in CA. I can't fly birds in summer, it gets too hot so I fly them in winter. The best for winter flying is 11:21. A good trained kit can fly in all sorts of weather as long as it doesn't get too hot.

Jerry O'Rourke

1. Fly LOvatts and Canadian strain.
2. Birds acquired from Bela Kiss and Ray S'ater and the Canadian birds were given to me by Smail Basic.
3. Reds, Mottles and Light and Dark prints.
4. Birds fly mostly very high on good days.
5. I admire their refined looks and their ability to fly so long.
6. In breeding, I like to match my best fliers.
7. Feed once a day in evening a Bay-Mor mixture of many different seeds.
8. I am in the process of rebuilding my family of fliers. I have a long way to go.

Gary Hulst

(Note: Gary is a new member from Zeeland, MI., who will enter the competitions for the first time.)

1. Flys Sheffieldeds, Davies and Lovatts.
2. Eirds acquired from Ed Buraczewski and Don Bossi.
3. Birds are mostly Grizzles.
4. I haven't seen any Tipplers fly so I can't judge. I have had them fly 13 hours already.
5. I have been breeding Tipplers for a year now so cannot answer.
6. The longer they fly the better I will like them.
7. Feed Corn and Pellets the same as I do with my Rollers and homers.
8. I have raised Rollers for 35 years and Racing Homers for 20 years. It took me 10 years to become competitive with the Racing Homers. I hope it doesn't take that long with the Tipplers.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA BULLETIN



December 26, 1993

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FROM THE SECRETARY

All memberships in the FTA are to be renewed at the beginning of the calendar year. If you have not yet done so, mail your 1994 dues (\$10) to the Treasurer: Walter Wiechec, 105 Clay Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.

The FTA continues to grow. We are pleased to welcome three new members at this time: Joe Russo, Harold R. Samuels and Steve Hooper.

A complete membership list of the FTA is presented herein on pages 5-7; also on page 7 is a list of some FTA telephone numbers. If your telephone number is not in the list, and you would like it to be included in the next published list, send a note to that effect to the Secretary.

The complete Fly Reports for the Fall Series III and IV flies are presented on pages 3-4. In the next BULLETIN, the 20 best flying times ever (official and honor systems) for the ten annual FTA flies, as well as the 20 best flying times (official and honor systems) in FTA history will be published. Those compilations are the result of many hours of careful work on the part of the Central Timer, Jerry O'Rourke, and I know that you will find them very interesting to read.

The current officers and directors of the FTA were elected in 1993 for two year terms, which means that elections will not be held this year. In December 1994, however, the FTA membership will elect new officers and directors. If you have never served as an officer or director, maybe you should consider running for office? If you are interested in running, drop me a line and I will arrange to have your name placed in nomination when the time comes.

S. Robert Powell, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to the FTA:

JOE RUSSO (640 Sixth Street, West Babylon, NY 11704).

HAROLD R. SAMUELS (974 John Avenue, Bayport, NY 11705).

STEVE HOOPER (939 Santa Ynez, Henderson, NY 89105).

DEATH OF TOM BUTLER

On October 27, 1993, Beverly Butler wrote the Secretary to report that Tom Butler passed away on September 29, 1993. She reported: "All of Tom's birds have been given to Mike Morris of Jasper, AR 72641, phone 446-5290. He will find them good homes. Tom died of a blood clot. It was quickly over."

FROM RALPH BRITT

Ralph wrote on 11-11-93 to report:

"The tipplers have been confined since Oct. 30. On the 19th, Coopers hawks appeared and caught two. I still have plenty left but I object to operating a McDonald's for hawks. Based on past experience, I can fly the birds again on April 1.

I had a nice letter from Tom Murphy. He was really pleased with the Oct. fly

Still have 19 young Tipplers and 21 breeders. Plan to breed from 7 pairs next year."

It's always a pleasure to hear from Ralph Britt who, like the FTA Secretary, is also interested in exhibition poultry. Ralph raises Brassy Back Old English Game bantams. He raised over 40 this year and has culled them down to 4 cockerels and 5 pullets.

UDO BEGERT

When Udo purchased some FTA bands on July 30th, he reported to FTA Treasurer, Walter Wiechec, that he had recently had a very nice visit at Oskar Zovich's place. Udo was able to get a number of Srebrniaks and Perlowy from a fellow in Michigan.

BRUCE KNUTSON

When Bruce placed a band order with Walter Wiechec, not so long ago, he reported: "Just the other day, I picked up my Tipplers from Bill Murphy of Troppenish, WA. These birds were bred by Michael Beat. I hope they perform for me as well as they did for him! I purchased 8 birds from Bill, all very fine looking birds. I probably won't fly any of these birds. I will use them for breeding. Next spring I should have some young birds. I sure would like to enter in competition flys."

Bruce also included an article about Tipplers that he adapted from an article in a Racing Homer bulletin. The article is entitled "When Is It a Straight or Pure Strain?" We expect to publish this article in an upcoming issue of the FTA BULLETIN.

LET'S ALL PROMOTE TIPPLERS

FTA member, DAVID FULLER, is the Central Timer of the FTS. An article by David, entitled "The Tippler Is Endurance Flying," was published in the September 1992 issue of the APA (p. 104).

It's good to know that the APJ will accept articles from David. Over the years, the FTA's Secretary has written many articles for publication in the APJ and they were published therein. In recent years, however, for reasons unknown to the FTA's Secretary, the APJ has not published any of the articles that have been submitted for publication in the APJ by the FTA's Secretary.

TOM DICKSON

When Tom Dickson ordered bands this summer, he reported to Walter Wiechec: "I talked to Stan Ogozalek the other night. He got me started in 1971 and again in 1987, with some blues down from Gordon Hughes imports. I still have the original pair."

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

I was wondering if any of our members would like to share with us any unique experiences they might have experienced with their pigeons over the years. Many of our members have been flying pigeons for some time and surely something must have happened at one time or another.

An example of this might be a Hawk attack, lost birds, a lost bird returning, a unique pigeon, different color, or any other unusual thing that might have occurred that would be of interest to our membership. I know a lot of our members would be interested in hearing your stories.

To start this off, I have written about one of my Tipplers who has been attacked by Hawks on three different occasions and has survived to fly again. I hope that our members will find my story interesting, and I also hope that some will send in their stories so that we all may share their experiences.

Just write it up and send it on to me, and I will be more than happy to type it up and forward it on to Robert Powell for publication in an upcoming Bulletin.

Come on now guys, think about it and come up with something for the Bulletin.

Jerry O'Rourke
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1993 Fall Series III - Oct. 16/17
Any Age Birds

ENTRANTS
No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

- O. Ogren (6:27) - FTA92-262 and 2825. FTA93-1034 and 1035.
Three hens and one cock released at 726AM and all birds came down together at 153PM with last bird in trap at 155PM.
WEATHER:
Clear at start but by 830AM completely overcast. 67-78 Degrees, Winds calm to 5MPH from NW and 90% Humidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds flew medium height occasionally raking out sign but not for long periods of time. I know it's a training time, but I was satisfied since 2825 and 1034 only had two training flights on Wed. and Thurs. after a week layoff. Maybe of interest is the fact that 2825 the Dam of 1035. Possibly a first in FTA history had a mother-son combination flying in competition together.
- A. Fuller (4:37) - FTA92-2060. FTA93-654 and 660.
Three hens released at 638AM. Komorner tumblers tossed at 11:15AM. Two birds down at 11:15 and third at 11:18AM with last bird in trap at 11:23AM.
WEATHER:
Overcast, Calm. Temperature 70-86 Degrees, 87% Humidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Too humid, no wind.
- J. O'Rourke (4:20) - NPA92-AM177. FTA93-910 and 945.
Three hens released at 915AM and all down together at 135PM with last bird in trap at 148PM.
WEATHER:
Heavy fog, drizzle all day. Delayed releasing birds until fog let up somewhat. Birds flew low over house all morning and came down quite wet. A good job under the circumstances.
- H. Kogan (DISQ.) - FTA93- 688, 680, 695, 693, 677 and 684.
Four hens, two cocks released at 801AM and all birds came down together at 107PM.
Disqualified because about a half hour after release a Hawk attacked and got a bird. So 6 went up and only 5 came down. FTA93-677 killed by Hawk.
WEATHER:
Nice day. Clear, 30-50 degrees, Winds calm.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
This is it for me - I don't have enough birds for the stock fly. A rather discouraging season all in all - given the number of flyers it seems like there is a epidemic of it around. Hope you had a better day.
- G. Hulst (DISQ.) - FTA93-1051, 1070 and 1071.
Two hens and one cock released at 107PM with Thief Pouter droppers out at 609PM. All birds down together at 615PM with last bird in trap at 622PM.
Disqualified Rule 8. "Kit to be liberated no earlier than one half hour prior to sunrise as stated in the local newspaper in that area, and released no later than 10AM on the morning of the fly."
WEATHER:
Cloudy to clear. 50 Degrees. Barometer 29.7 rising. Winds 10-12MPH from NW and Humidity at 52%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Rained all day Saturday and Sunday morning which was the reason I released so late. I used my reserve kit because I didn't think that I would be able to get my best kit down before 630PM because I had to leave at 630PM. The birds flew high most of the time.

Compiled by Central Timer, Jerry O'Rourke

1993 Fall Series IV - Oct. 30/31
Stock Fly

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

- G. Hulst (8:19) - FTA93-1060, 1061, 1058, 1072, 1070, 1071, 1066, IPB92-216. Five hens, three cocks released at 800AM. Thief Pouter Droppers put out at 419PM and two birds down at 419PM and other 6 at 423PM with last bird in trap at 434PM.
WEATHER:
Partly cloudy in AM, cloudy in PM with snow flurries, 32-40 Degrees, Winds 5-15 NE to N. Barometer 30.0S.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds flew medium high most of day - a real pleasure to watch. I was hoping for 10 hours. The two birds from my second kit couldn't seem to do it. They wanted to drop at 419PM. I believe the six if flown all FALL would have gone the ten hours.
- A. Fuller (5:06) - FTA93-654, 655, 660, 661. FTS93-780, 786, 788 and 796. Six hens, two cocks released at 616AM. Tumblers tossed at 11:22AM. Five birds down at 11:22AM and other 3 at 11:26AM with last bird in trap at 11:30AM.
WEATHER:
Overcast to clear. 30-50 Degrees. Winds N at 10-20MPH and Humidity at 68%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Andy borrowed 4 of his brother, Paul's, tipplers, but this cold, windy day got the best of them.
- J. O'Rourke (4:05) - FTA93-907, 947, 927, 945, 910, 913, NPA92-AM177 and FC93-91. Two cocks, 6 hens released at 620AM with White Russian Tumblers out at 10:26AM after 1st bird came down at 10:25AM. Other seven birds down at 10:35AM with last bird in trap at 10:58AM.
WEATHER:
Raw, chilly, rain. 41 Degrees. Barometer 29.68. Winds from NE at 17MPH and Humidity at 92%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Third consecutive fly day in row I have been rained out. Birds were ready, doing 8-10 hours in practice. Weather did not cooperate.
- R. Kehrter (DISQ.) - FTA93-953, 971, 973, FTS93-70, 71, 72, 73 and 77. SEX uncertain. Birds released at 6:08AM. Droppers out at 11:31AM and some birds did not come down within the hours and trap. Last bird in trap at 455PM. Disqualified because birds did not trap within hour.
WEATHER:
Cloud cover 10%. 48 Degrees. Barometer 30.02. Winds calm. Humidity 87%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
I tried to feed differently and it didn't work.

(No other entrants.)

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1. I must have been about 5 or 6 years old when my uncle gave me my first pair of pigeons and have been hooked on them ever since.
Here in U.S. , I started with high flying Iranian Tumblers in 1983 and got my first Tipplers in 1986.

2. I have two separate lofts. My main loft which houses my stock and fliers is 14ft x 8ft x 6ft high in front and 5ft in the back and has four sections. Breeders loft is 5ft x 3ft x 6ft high with six individual cages. I also have a box for Droppers which is 4ft x 3ft x 4ft high.

3. I fly my own crosses of Davies and Fields type Tipplers. I also fly some Iranian imports that I got from my friend Hamid Ahmadi.

I did not choose my Tipplers based on their family or strain. I bought my original stock from people who I knew had very good Tipplers. And now I select my birds solely on their performance and ability to fly.

4. I keep 50 to 60 birds, and breed from 4 pairs of Tipplers and 2 pairs of Iranian imports each year.

5. I try to fly my birds twice a week but most of the time, due to my work, I am limited to weekends only. Old birds one day and young birds the next day.

I have some trouble with cooper hawks mainly in the winter. I try not to have my birds out unattended and that reduces the number of hawk attacks.

6. I have a couple of kit boxes which I only use during part of the year with long days when I put my fliers through feed-ups and competition. Rest of the time, my fliers are separated by their sexes and are loose in their section of the loft.

7. I use Nuns for Droppers. My birds are not trained to darkness.

8. Do not overcrowd your birds and cull the birds you don't need. One of the beauties of our hobby is that we do not need to keep so many birds to enjoy the sport.

Keep your birds healthy, not necessarily by using a lot of medication but by giving them good sound food and fresh water and keeping their environment very clean. No matter how good your birds are and how much time you spend on them, if they are not healthy, they will not fly for you.

Keep only your best flyers and breed from the best. Do not work with your Tipplers blindly just because they are called by the name of some famous fancier.

9. Keep up the good work and thank you guys for all of your time and efforts.

10. Pictures will follow later.

11. I occasionally have a few birds for sale and can ship via postal service.

LET'S TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

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1. Flies an assortment between Lovatt, Bartholomew, Davies, Maccs. The birds all fly in a 10 hour range for now.
2. Birds acquired from Walter Wiechec.
3. Birds are all colors including the genetics of Opal, Andalusian, Ash Red and Almond.
4. They fly high, medium and low.
5. I like their build, their size and the way that they fly. Also color.
6. In breeding I look for their ability to fly good in the previous year in order to be bred from, and also their feather quality.
7. I feed them Wheat, Milo, Barley and Health Grit. A mixed blend during the winter season including corn and health grit.
8. Nothing else to tell about his birds.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

FEBRUARY, 1994

Copies to: Zovich, Kelley, Powell, Wiechec, Basic, Beat, Buraczewski, Ogozalek, Tomsic, Young, and informational to O'Rourke

Gentlemen;

The purpose of this Communication is two fold. First to address the topic of the 1994 FTA fly schedule and second to continue the discussion that we initiated last year to come to a resolution as to a proposed fly format for the future.

1994 FLY SCHEDULE - At this late date I see that we have no choice but to continue with our traditional format. We do not have enough time to get Board consensus, let alone membership balloting to make any major changes. Below is a listing of dates that are consistent with the traditional schedule. It is based from the weekend closest to the summer solstice as the Long Day and second fly of the Summer Series and spacing the flys two weeks apart. The fall series ends the last weekend of October with the Stock Fly and has three any age flys every two weeks prior. Please send me a note ASAP expressing your concurrence, or lack thereof, to the below dates. We need to close this issue immediately so that the schedule can be published in the FTA Bulletin announcing the schedule to the membership prior to the start of the fly season.

PROPOSED 1994 FTA FLY SCHEDULE

Spring Series (Old Birds) - April 23/24, May 7/8, May 21/22
Summer Series (Young Birds) - June 4/5, June 18/19 (Long Day - Any Age), July 2/3
Fall Series (Any Age) - September 17/18, October 1/2, October 15/16,
October 29/30 (Stock Fly)

Again, please get your comments on the 1994 fly schedule to me right away. Do it before trying to digest the rest of this Communication. There is a lot of reading enclosed and we need you to give it some serious thought. I expect that to take longer than we have as a deadline for publishing the 1994 fly dates. But if you are able to respond to both issues in short order please do so. The sooner I get responses the sooner I will be able to issue the next Communication. My goal is to have a long range competition system that the Board is able to recommend to the membership at the time of this winter's general election of officers. At this time I have no idea what that recommendation will be. It could be as simple as to leave things the way they are now, or maybe just add a winter series for the southern members, or it could be a totally new concept.

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In our last Communication I sent you some proposals from Michael Beat to revamp the FTA fly set up. Also included were some ideas from the Fullers. Micheal's plan is to add more flys but basically hold four contests. The competitor would have his choice of whichever of the five fly dates within the Series best suits his personal schedule and fly then. His best series fly would be used against the best time of all other series competitors and the award going to the one with the best time in the series. The Fullers proposed a different schedule and provided some interesting temperature and daylight data. Rather than have you try to dig up those letters from last year I will include another set of copies.

Also enclosed are copies of the letters received commenting on the original publication of the Beat and Fuller letters. Thanks Stan, Joe and Robert!! In addition are letters received from Omer Ogren on the topic and I will include some of my thoughts. We need to hear from the rest of you.

Do not feel that you need to keep your ideas confined to the fly issues. I am sure that there are many constitutional or fly rule changes that should be addressed. So the field is pretty much wide open. We, who are entrusted by the membership to guide the club, need to step forward. My repeated requests in Bulletin President's Messages have received very little response.

Send your comments to Tim Kvidera, 13610 Johnson St. NE, Anoka, MN 55304. Send them in writing! I thoroughly enjoy hearing from you via phone calls, but they are a little hard to photocopy. I do not want to take notes, as I may misinterpret your ideas. My target is to put out the next Officers' Communication in early April. You have some time to put your thoughts together, but do not take too long. And remember....

Let me know

immediately

on the
1994 fly schedule!!!

RESULTS OF SURVEY:

24 survey forms were sent out. Seven were received back. (An expected turn out). Of those who kindly responded, 2 would not be in a position to fly at all but they still contributed to the survey with their own thoughts and ideas. I thank them. This incorporated the first section.

In the 2nd section, 6 of 7 desired to have a separate "alternate fly" schedule. In fact, two surveyors made it clear that they wanted this "alternate fly" schedule to be an extension or expansion of our existing schedule.

5 of 6 (one being non-responsive) disagreed with the notion that such an "alternate schedule" be limiting to only certain ones among the club. By conversely wording the same question, the surveyors again made it clear with a 6 of 7 response in favor of allowing "northern" flyers to participate.

Interestingly, there was a 5 of 7 response in favor of limiting everyone to only a specific amount (say 10 flies per calendar year) but the surveyors contradicted themselves by also desiring in favor (6 of 7) of allowing all flyers no limit to the total number of competitions they fly in. Perhaps either one of the questions was misleading and not fully understood by all. The reason for asking about limiting the "number" of flies was to try and determine a reasonable way to calculate an aggregate. We can figure though that because of the several responses in this section to allow Northern flyers to join in, that there is a pervasive attitude to allow everyone the freedom to fly any time they so desire. CONCLUSION to this section: We can definitely come to an understanding that overall, members do want an "alternate schedule" fly period in which flying can be done during cooler periods of later fall and winter.

In the next section, it was desired to get a feeling about the conditions of such "alternate schedule" flying and how it would affect competitive flying overall. Of note is the fact that we're dealing with a group of FIA members who (6 of 7) have trouble flying birds in the hot time periods (all flyers responded with over 80 degrees average for summer). Those flyers (6 of 7) usually have a kit of flying birds during the winter period. Also, the majority (5 of 7) are not faced with snow but (4 of 7) have rain. Of course, if fly competitions get rained out few would fly (2 of 7). Humidity and Hurricanes seem to be the most frequent troublesome weather conditions. But without a doubt more (5 of 7) persons would be apt to compete in Honor system (7 of 7) whenever they did fly. CONCLUSION to this section: An Alternate Schedule is definitely desired by the members

polled (which are the members most likely in a position to utilize this system.)

In the last section, the kind of schedule that these flyers would like to see adopted varied greatly. One member suggested a schedule close to that of the full moon. (However, I personally do not feel that there are great advantages to flying with a full moon.) The responses given towards how often there should be a fly ranged from 2 weeks apart to 4 weeks apart. Since it appeared that most all members did NOT desire to fly during weekends of holidays, it would seem reasonable then, to design a schedule so that these holidays are not competition days, specifically, Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year time periods.

OVERALL CONCLUSION: The information gathered in this survey will be used to make a reasonable submittal to the officers of an "alternate fly schedule" that will enable more persons in the FIA to compete. It is of note that besides this survey, others have put together a submittal themselves. (e.g. Andy & David Fuller) As a consequence, there will be several decisions to be made (perhaps alterations or embellishments to the proposals) so that the FIA will adopt a system best serving the needs of all. This adoption, of course, will be done by the officers.

Thank you all for taking the time to send in your comments on the surveys!

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September 24, 1991

Dear Tim Kvildera & Officers,

I wish that more people could enjoy Tipplers as a good flying breed. I would like to see more enjoy the sport and have FUN with their birds. I would like to propose a completely new system of competitive flying that I believe is simplistic and will help everyone and especially the Tippler as a flying breed.

I have been a member of the FTA since 1978. Historically, I can't ever recall a time when the number of flyers competing ever exceeded a dozen. In fact, what I've noticed is that many come into the sport and never last very long. They find it difficult and are not easily encouraged. For this reason, I hope to devise a system that will take into consideration more of the Tippler fancier and yet still allow tipplers themselves to prosper. The rules of tippler flying do not need to change. These rules may be a bit stringent, and with good reason their inflexibility can make it all the more interesting. Changes to the flying rules are not considered here.

We are a very diverse cross section of people, customs, and climates. Our birds are the only thing in common. The object of our club seems to be simple: promote tippler flying (and that means endurance flying.) Anywhere, the hobby of keeping pigeons seems to be getting edged out with all of the other types of entertainment available to the average person. Besides, we all have responsibilities that should be held above pigeons, though some of us are so bird-brained we beg to differ.

I feel that we should not be so very much dependent of temperature and other particulars of "local situations." After all, one flyer may have a problem with Hawks or with the spouse. Or maybe the particular day scheduled for a fly is in conflict with someone's wedding anniversary gathering. But aren't there other days that we can fly? One flyer may be retired; another may be starting a family with young ones needing attention. So let's make a system that is flexible enough that almost anyone can fit it into his personal schedule. Also, let's adjust the fly system at certain time periods to meet the needs of our birds so that we truly give our feathered friends the edge they need to break endurance records.

My first proposal to the officers is this: We have 4 seasons of the year (winter, spring, summer, fall). We establish 5 different flies for each season (a total of 20 flies in one calendar year). These flies are 2 weeks apart and shall be calculated as follows:

The long day is approximately the first day of summer. This date as a fly date is non-negotiable. But, in order to prevent the 5 flies from going too far into the moulting months, we actually hold the first summer fly 2 weeks before the Long Day. Then, every two weeks thereafter for a total of ten weeks for the summer period. There would be exactly 8 weeks between the 1st fly and the 5th.

Spring flies are every two weeks prior to the first summer fly and consequently take into consideration the best flying period of the spring season.

Winter flies are every two weeks prior to the first spring fly and would therefore begin some time after New Year's day (about the 2nd or 3rd weekend of January). So if you're following this so far, you'll notice winter, spring, & summer are back to back (a fly every other weekend from January to August.)

We will have ended the last summer fly in the beginning of August and we can give the birds a rest until the first day of Fall (approx Sept 21) and begin another series of 5 flies every other weekend until we finish in November before Thanksgiving Holiday.

This system will keep the winter Flies in winter, spring Flies in spring, etc. (with the exception of the small bit of pushing up of the summer flies to comply with the birds' biological moult.) I personally have never had good flying when the birds are moulting their last primaries. So it would be prudent for trainers to be flying young bird kits in the end of July & August since they will not yet be on their last primaries. But, more on young birds in a minute.

The time period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a dead period for me usually. I suspect this is also a time when others in general are likewise doing little with the birds because of the holidays. I utilize this time to read my tippler books again and make needed adjustments to my loft for the coming year. This would be the ideal time for the Central Timer to compile all times of the past twenty flies and come up with the grand finale results. Awards and recognition could be given at this time before the following years' Flies begin again. How do we compile? Keep reading:

It is not expected that everyone fly 20 flies. Nor if someone did should we hold it against him. Over the last few years, even on Long Day, we have had only about a 1/2

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dozen people fly. So what advantage is there to give recognition to that one flyer who beat out the rest? He only competed against so very few. Rather, recognition should be given to the time itself, the ability of the fliers to put in an outstanding time and the ability of the flyer to consistently bring out the abilities of his birds on a regular basis. We should be stimulating people to continue flying well on a regular basis and not "steal the show" with a fluke kit flying one remarkable time.

Therefore, the real race is the flyer who flies birds over the course of several "seasons" and is able to find a good date to fly in his particular localized climate (which he can do being given 9 weeks of fly dates to condition and fly a team to its best potential). Take fall flying as an example. Perhaps early in the 9 week period is the best weather for one fancier and perhaps later in the 9 week period is the best weather for another fancier. Regardless, the best time for that flyer over the course of one season can go down as being part of his aggregate (or more appropriately referred to as "aggregate of seasons"). Obviously, southern flyers will fly winter season and northern flyers will fly summer season. This is not a disadvantage to those of the Southern areas because they have already concluded that they will get a better time in the winter than they could get in the summer because of the heat. Therefore, they are putting in their best time! But, only 3 of 4 seasons would count towards this aggregate. So, regardless of the seasons anyone flies, every competitor will have opportunity to fly during the course of at least three of them. No one should be penalized for flying in all 4 of the seasons as only the top three times of this flyer will be added up towards his aggregate. Also, if anyone only flies 2 seasons, he merely adds his best time of these two seasons and gets his aggregate.

A person flying can now have a flexible fly schedule. He may choose to fly every 4 weeks in a season and still fly three times in that season. Or he may fly multiple kits and take advantage of all 5. But only his best time will be used to compute the aggregate. By now you should be able to arrive at what I deem as a worthwhile accomplishment. We should award to the flyer with the best "aggregate of seasons" the highest recognition.

Also consider young bird flies: We don't actually need days set totally aside for only young birds. We should acknowledge at year's end all young bird accomplishments. This means that through the course of 20 flies, everyone wishing to compete their young birds should do so in any of those fly days. This way we maximize the ability of young birds being that Northern flyers breed later and southern flyers breed earlier and the age of our young birds may not be the same on a specific day, say, close to long

Day. Besides, why prevent or discourage people from flying because they don't have young birds? But, over the course of the year there will be a young bird race going on. At year's end, the young bird contestants who entered can be ranked and proper credit and acknowledgement should be accredited. I firmly believe that young bird racing will definitely be boosted with this type of flexible scheduling. Along the same lines, we can make the first or second Fall fly the stock fly keeping it a novelty. I don't think that anyone could balk about losing one fly day to the stock fly when you have 19 left to maneuver your aggregate.

A last thought on this system. It is not rigid. We can make the top two times of each season part of our "aggregate of seasons" if we so desire. Or 3 top times, right?

Overall, this system I feel is the best way to encourage lots of tippler flying and one that will cater to the needs of all in a diverse area and people since it allows everyone to fly on days best suited to the local climate. He that endures to the end is the one that will win the race!

The above system is my best choice. But also, we could consider a system very much like the above outlined but one that has four flies per season with the flies 2 weeks apart. This is a very easy modification and my second choice.

My third proposal (one that more people probably have anticipated) is to merely augment our existing fly schedule with flies in the winter so that the southern flyers can compete then. I recommend that since at present our season incorporates about three flies each series that we add 3 flies (a winter series), the first fly starting about the second full week of January and extending every 4 weeks until by March we've completed three competitions.

I sincerely hope that my proposals above are met with some real quality consideration by the officers. I hope that people are not so conservative or resistant to change that they will not at least give ample thought to the real needs of a very diversified group spread over such a vast area.

I believe that the concept is simple enough for anyone to understand. I believe it will allow enough lee way for flyers to get the most out of his birds. But most of all, more people would have FUN with their birds and could still be rewarded at year's end when trophies or prize money is given for the accomplishments of January - November. That is, accomplishments that include the best old bird time, best young bird time, and best aggregate of seasons time. Old bird and young bird times would not doubt be ranked in a list extending from "top time" down. Would you not also agree that this method helps the novice--a person we truly need to encourage?

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From Michael's Proposal

A typical 1992 Fly schedule for this "4 season" approach would be as follows:

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|---------|-------------------------|--|
| winter: | 1. Jan 18, 19 | |
| | 2. Feb 1, 2 | |
| | 3. Feb 15, 16 | |
| | 4. Feb 29, Mar 1 | |
| | 5. Mar 14, 15 | |
| spring: | 1. Mar 28, 29 | |
| | 2. Apr 11, 12 | |
| | 3. Apr 25, 26 | |
| | 4. May 9, 10 | |
| | 5. May 23, 24 | |
| summer: | 1. June 6, 7 | |
| | 2. June 20, 21 Long Day | |
| | 3. July 4, 5 | |
| | 4. July 18, 19 | |
| | 5. Aug 1, 2 | |
| fall: | 1. Sept 19, 20 Stock | |
| | 2. Oct 3, 4 | |
| | 3. Oct 17, 18 | |
| | 4. Oct 31, Nov 1 | |
| | 5. Nov 14, 15 | |

I welcome your comments or questions.

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September 24, 1991

Dear Tim Kvidera,

I am submitting three items:

1. The results of the area survey to see what the members could use in the form of a fly schedule. Such survey was compiled under the direction of yourself with the idea of an "alternate fly" schedule possibility. The proposal of the Fullers was received by me after the survey was compiled and sent out. Therefore, it was independent of any ideas the Fullers had.
2. My comments regarding the proposal of the Fullers as Western V.P. of the Club.
3. My own proposal which is based on my own feelings towards Tippler flying. I have always felt a great need to re-vamp the entire fly system because the present system never has fully addressed the needs of such a geographically large and diverse organization. I feel that the present system of flying is a more suitable system for those in a localized area and tailored towards those flying in Northern climates.

I am hoping that you will take this information and disperse it to the officers so that an overall consideration to the material will ensue. I will send a copy of my proposal to the Fullers so that they may comment on it in a reciprocal way. Also, I will send to them my comments about their flying proposals.

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September 27, 1991

Dear Andy & David,

I have reviewed your proposal for an expanded fly schedule. Let me first thank you immensely for such effort in putting together the proposal with forethought. Without a doubt we definitely need more people like yourself who are willing to speak up and give our sport the concentrated effort it deserves.

For the most part, I agree in principle to the need of a schedule that will enhance, "give new life," and basically engender more activity. (Please see my proposal also enclosed; be sure to send comments to me about it.) In looking at your schedule, we can safely say that it is an enhanced version of the traditional one we already have. This is good because (if I'm following your motive) you'd like to see more participation of persons in southern, warmer areas early on and again, later in the fall. I'm all for that!

I hope you could say more about the benefits of such a system as it uses "national temperatures and daylight averages as a guide." Could you be more specific? How does it do that? You see, I truthfully feel that it is modifying a system that already caters to putting the majority of the fly dates at a time period best for cooler, northern flyers. Why make fall/winter flyers spread their kit out and last over the course of 4 full months, whereas northern flyers are flying an equivalent 5 fly dates over a course of approximately 2 months (May 9-10 through July 4-5). The likelihood is that a kit will get "stale" on someone flying over such a longer spread.

If there ever was a "chaotic constant" I certainly would attribute it to the attempt made by many people over the years to give each flyer a designation as to his weather. Weather is an extremely diversified variable. I don't believe I could ever come close to stating that on any given day (including the Long Day) that the weather will be ideal. Averages are just that: averages of a 'wide' range of occasions. Taking for example 1991 Long Day, I recall that southern CA had "nice" weather but that for everyone else in the nation it was boiling HOT. Consequently, how don't I know that there is not someone else in a hot state sitting on a high mountain enjoying cool temperatures? I don't, so it's not a very good idea to 'blanket' a region with a particular expectation. After all, I don't know how far Metairie is to the Gulf, but what if you were less than 1/2 mile from the Gulf, say in Texas--nice cool

moderate weather not withstanding any hurricanes. But a few miles in, Texas can be just about the hottest place around. But basically, I agree with you, the best time to take advantage of flying is March & early April while it is still cool but not necessarily is that true for everyone.

By keeping only the ten best flye you've put the regular season flyers at a disadvantage by requiring them to fly every one of the 10 flye they're already accustomed to, but allowing people in more moderate climates (e.g. Los Angeles) to make up for any Disqualifications made in summer by replacing those poor fliers with a winter fly of 8-10 hours. I contend it's not fair to all, so I believe the aggregate should be the top few best times of any one flyer.

As far as your 2nd idea goes, I wish you had expounded a little more. Intrinsically, when teams are formed there is going to be problems because there will be no one to make the decisions of who is with whom and make the decision fair. It's a great idea for a local club and the ideology is already played out with club knock-outs in the NTU. Great idea, but I don't think it wholly practical for the PTA.

Keep 'em up; & YOU keep it up!

Sincerely,

Michael Beat

PS I really like the egg & feather models--truly novel!

c: T Kvldere

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October 30, 1991

Dear Mr. President,

Some time ago I mentioned to you that there were some points regarding changes I would like to see. Up until now, I've been putting my fly proposal foremost on my agenda and so have placed these thoughts on the back burner. Here they are:

I find it difficult to understand as to why we disqualify people before they even get started. If say, I choose to band my youngbirds with PTA, MPA or other seamless lippler size bands, I'm immediately excluded from yb competition. Now the club attempts to increase its participation but on the other hand eliminates some good flyers before their birds even hit the air. If I choose to purchase bands from different sources and then "double-band" I can circumvent this problem. Nevertheless, I staunchly refuse to do so as the act is in violation of my no-nonsense approach to pigeon flying. Such a measure is confusing and a redundancy that does not help the birds in any way. Besides, with a telephone/address band, there isn't any leg space left.

If bands were sold at great profit for the club I could understand the stipulation, yet clearly this is not the case. Band issuing merely is a service to the club's members. So why make it a requirement?

Similarly, I recall someone telling me that historically the reason for this yb stipulation is to be able to verify the fact that the yb's banded each were indeed youngbirds. This could then be merely checked by the seed of the club. But who today among yb's may different suppliers of pigeon bands is able to issue current year bands the preceding year? NO ONE! Now, for the sake of argument let's suppose that someone went to all the trouble to make up his own bands. (Do it himself; forget the band manufacturers!) Then, to make it a "reputable" band then he would have to duplicate a band of another organization. Let's say he does this with an acronym of another organization. Well, would not that organization verify the band after the "record breaking time" was put in? Could not the secretary or central timer (for whoever) inquire to the band secretary of that organization to verify? If on rare occasions this was necessary I contend that it could be done easily.

Also, maybe there was at one time an unaid rule stating that yb's had to be bred by their trainer and that's why there needed to be a verification as to who received which bands. But, anyone who has read the articles of yb trainer and former record holder Gordon Hughes will have to note that the record holding birds that Gordon flew were not actually bred by him but were acquired as youngsters and settled to his own location. So why should breeding the yb's be a stipulation? I find no precedent.

Conclusion: Adjust the rules to accept yb's in yb fly's with "reputable" seamless bands of proper size.

Another item that needs consideration is our starting time. Currently, there seems to be a large open latitude in what time to release. A person can release from twilight to 10 AM. Such a measure shows that the greatest concern is for the flyer to get his birds off at a time most suitable for him and his birds. But on occasions, there are those of us who are inhibited by this rule. Perhaps I'm partial towards my own needs, but nothing can be wrong with that. Years ago, Prudhomme flew a record kit and in his article that was published in the APJ concerning that occasion, he relates how he called the secretary of the PTA to get permission to release earlier. Well, I'm definitely interested in getting long times as well and that's why I train my birds to fly into the dark. If I can teach them to fly in the dark then why can't I release in the dark. (Taking my chances for getting the birds off

right.) Vital minutes might be accrued by allowing to release at least 1 hour before sunrise. That 1 1/2 hour or more of dark flying is time that is greatly needed by those of us flying all of the daylight and into the dark. Of course, the birds still must be sighted within the first 2 1/2 hours of release and therefore releasing too early may cause one to be disqualified early on if one does not see birds pass over when in darkness. If say, we allow 1 1/2 hours of final 2 1/2 hours to be in daylight so as to spot the birds, I think even 1 1/2 hours before sunrise to be a reasonable release time. Bear in mind, I don't plan on calling the secretary each and every time I fly.

Conclusion: Change earliest start time to be at least 1 1/2 hours before sunrise. (Retain 2 1/2 hour sighting rule)

Finally, my last concern is again something regarding the night flying rules. I cannot understand why there is 2 standards for my birds to fly, one during the day & one during the night. Why is there a rule that prevents a person from flying on longer than one hour once the kit splits? Presently, if I understand the rule correctly, once a kit splits for even a second while in dark flying, there is only one hour allowed to get all birds trapped. But during the day, this rule is different. The kit splits from a hawk strike (for instance) and they momentarily split. Well, likely in a few minutes they reorganize and no action need be taken. So why change the rules on the birds? If for some reason the birds split after dark why can't we then allow the flyer to decide whether to call time and signal for the drop after he's sure there will be no re-kitting or when he senses that one bird is in "trouble" and needs to drop? Such a change in night flying rules does not in any way change the fact that our birds have put in the time while "on the wing." I contend that we're inhibiting our birds needlessly by calling them in when not absolutely necessary. The rules of flying split kits should be identical to that during the day. The lights and droppers are put out, time should be called; flyer should then have from the time the dropping signal is given or birds down, 1 hour to trap entire kit. (Not one hour from time first seen split.) I contend also that any birds pitching away in the dark hours will not rejoin the kit that night but will rejoin all night until morning. So if someone gets the entire kit back (either one at a time or individually) within the hour, you can rest assured that the birds flew their time and were "on the wing" the full time. Let's be consistent with the birds.

Conclusion: Change flying rule 38c to read the same as flying rule 28.

In case you're wondering, see, my birds which split up in the dark frequently rejoin. Remember, they're not owls; their eyesight is not quite as good as during the day, so they sometimes miss a turn. But they always start searching immediately for each other.

I hope that you will give good consideration to the above proposals and that I will be given opportunity in the future to create more dialogue to any thoughts that other persons may have.

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April 3, 1991

Mr. Tim Kvidera,
President, FTA

Dear Mr. Kvidera,

We accept the opportunity to forward two proposals we believe are sufficient to call up the best qualities of everyone who participates: once initiated, we are certain that they will be seen as natural, inevitable, and an improvement. They are as follows:

1. Establish a new fly schedule to begin in March having 15 flys, only ten of which may count toward an aggregate award.

2. Establish the North American Tippler Cup challenge. A two loft FTA team that will take on all comers in a two fly series.

We believe our first idea adapts the best of the past to the continental community of the FTA. Rather than abandon what has proved itself to be valuable, we have attempted to give new life to the FTA competitions.

We propose that the fly schedule commence in mid March. There should be three old bird flys, followed by two any age flys. This will allow a flier to start early if possible or begin flying on traditional dates. Next come two young bird flys and then two more any age flys. The first of these any age flys to be the traditional long day fly. Then the stock fly, followed by the first of five any age flys. Starting in September, skipping December, and ending in February; these flys should be held on the third weekend of each month of the old year and the last weekend of each month of the new year.

As an example, the 1992/93 schedule would be as follows:

1. March 14-15, old birds
2. March 28-29, old birds
3. April 11-12, old birds
4. April 25-26, any age (old bird challenge date)
5. May 9-10, any age
6. May 23-24, Young birds (young bird challenge date)
7. June 6-7, Young birds
8. June 20-21, any age (long day)
9. July 4-5, any age
10. September 5-6, stock fly
11. September 19-20, any age
12. October 17-18, any age
13. November 21-22, any age
14. January 30-31, any age
15. February 27-28, any age

Its major difference from the present system will be that it uses national temperature and daylight averages as a guide. Its benefits are that it allows for individual local training techniques and provides a generous choice of fly dates to the flier. It will increase participation and one's feeling of involvement and control of one's own destiny.

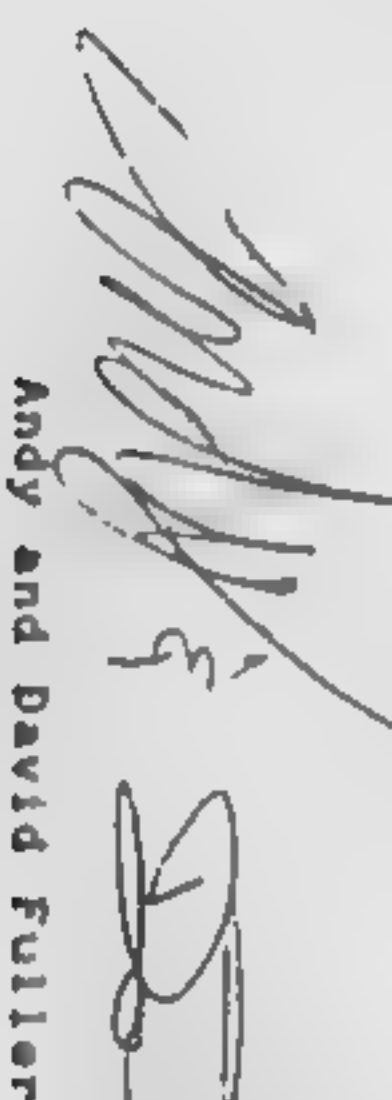
With reference to S. Robert Powell's 1989 FTA Honor Roll, look at the names Zovich or Chatter and think of Ontario. For Luke or Kobulsky it's Ohio, and New York/New Jersey for Seabridge or Ogozalek. We call this area roughly bordered by low Ontario, New York/New Jersey, northern Ohio, and some of Minnesota too, the Golden egg. See enclosure (1). The bulk of the record times come from this area. It's where a lot of very knowledgeable tippler men live, and for the most part, that is the reason for the records. The area also has mild temperatures in the summer and longish days when compared to the rest of the country. We're not suggesting that to live in this area brings success in the tippler sport. We are inferring that temperature and daylight bring with them certain chaotic constants and variables in weather patterns which are conducive to flying tipplers.

Let's look at enclosure (2). The average temperatures of April, June and September, for region A, basically the area within the egg, are 53, 70 and 68, respectively. The averages for the rest of the lofts are 57, 71 and 69. Close, except that in the southeast coast and deep south areas, and some parts of California (not shown), the temperatures are significantly higher. The March temperatures, however, average 53. Identical to the April average for the golden egg. Daylight is an important part of the sport too. Many of our pigeons will be flying from sun up to sun down. We know that the new records will be set by the pigeons that can fly in the dark as well; but that's another subject, let's get back to the daylight. Enclosure (3) shows that the average top five fly times for the first spring fly in mid April is about 15 hours. In the heat of September and the short daylight hours of October, the fall flys and stock fly top five averages drop by 2 to 3 hours, from 12 and a half to below 11 and a half hours. Enclosure (4) indicates that there is an hour more daylight in March than in October. This schedule will take full advantage of the daylight hours in March and early April when they're combined with cooler temperatures and could be used to our benefit and pleasure.

The fly rules should be modified to allow a flier to fly any or all of the 15 flys on the calendar. That's a window of opportunity for the flier and extra money for the FTA. Only ten flys, the fliers 10 best, however, would be entered into the aggregate award. That will keep a good system in place.

Our second idea would be the most fun of all. Fly rules would be determined among the participants. The cup would be passed on to each successive winner, annually. Team FTA lofts would consist of one expert and one novice, based on their performance of the previous year. What do you think?

Yours in the sport.


Andy and David Fuller

DATA TAKEN FROM 1989 FTA HONOR ROLLS
Official System

DATA TAKEN FROM THE OLD FARMERS 1991 ALMANAC

AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES IN DEGREES F. REGION A

GREATER NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY AREA:

March 41, April 53, May 59, June 70, July 77, September 69

UPSTATE NEW YORK - TORONTO, CANADA:

March 32, April 48, May 55, June 66, July 72, September 63

GREATER OHIO VALLEY:

March 48, April 59, May 64, June 74, July 78, September 72

CHICAGO AND SOUTHERN GREAT LAKES AREA:

March 38, April 53, May 59, June 68, July 75, September 69

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES:

March 39, April 53, May 59, June 70, July 76, September 68

AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES IN DEGREES F. REGION B

PIEDMONT AND SOUTHEAST COAST:

March 54, April 62, May 69, June 76, July 80, September 72

DEEP SOUTH:

March 60, April 67, May 74, June 81, July 84, September 76

CALIFORNIA:

March 51, April 55, May 56, June 60, July 60, September 63

PACIFIC NORTHWEST:

March 45, April 50, May 55, June 65, July 68, September 63

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES:

March 53, April 57, May 64, June 71, July 73, September 69

* Region A includes the golden tippler egg of record holders.
Region B is essentially everywhere else.

Spring # 1 (April)	Spring # 2 (May)	Spring # 3 (May)
1. 15:16	1. 15:47	1. 16:21
2. 15:12	2. 15:40	2. 16:10
3. 15:10	3. 15:39	3. 16:00
4. 15:06	4. 15:16	4. 15:40
5. 15:05	5. 15:12	5. 15:30
Average 15:10	Average 15:31	Average 15:56

Summer # 1 (June)	Summer # 2 (June)	Summer # 3 (July)
1. 15:47	1. 16:31	1. 16:02
2. 15:20	2. 16:23	2. 14:38
3. 15:08	3. 16:09	3. 14:37
4. 14:24	4. 16:03	4. 13:59
5. 14:20	5. 15:46	5. 13:55
Average 15:00	Average 16:22	Average 14:38

Fall # 1 (September)	Fall # 2 (September)	Fall # 3 (October)
1. 13:00	1. 12:34	1. 12:05
2. 12:59	2. 12:30	2. 12:02
3. 12:47	3. 12:21	3. 12:01
4. 12:25	4. 12:19	4. 11:57
5. 12:19	5. 12:17	5. 11:48
Average 12:30	Average 12:24	Average 11:59

Stock Fly
(October)

1. 11:34
2. 11:27
3. 11:25
4. 11:17
5. 11:12
Average 11:23

ENCLOSURE (2)

ENCLOSURE (3)

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DATA TAKEN FROM THE OLD FARMERS 1991 ALMANAC
AVERAGE DAYLIGHT HOURS FOR EACH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

January	February	March	April	May	June
6-9:13	3-10:05	3-11:19	7-13:00	5-14:13	2-15:05
13-9:22	10-10:22	10-11:40	14-13:19	12-14:29	9-15:12
20-9:35	17-10:41	17-12:00	21-13:38	19-14:44	16-15:16
27-9:49	24-11:00	24-12:20	28-13:56	26-14:55	23-15:17
		31-12:40			30-15:15
July	August	September	October	November	December
7-15:09	4-14:21	1-13:10	6-11:31	3-10:15	1-9:19
14-15:00	11-14:05	8-12:51	13-11:12	10-9:58	8-9:11
21-14:49	18-13:47	15-12:30	20-10:52	17-9:44	15-9:06
28-14:36	25-13:28	22-12:11	27-10:34	24-9:30	22-9:05
		29-11:51			29-9:07

ENCLOSURE (4)



ENCLOSURE (1)

Tim —

3/13/93

Yes, you did send me a copy of "Constitution and Fly Rule" that I & I have read several years ago. The corrections (especially typographical and editorial) can be incorporated in the next revision — and it appears that a revision may be made this year to incorporate M. Best's proposals.

Stanley O. Warner (Jury O'Rourke and also Stuart & Stan) did not want to serve as Publicity Director; he said he didn't think he could do the job.

I am not opposed to M. Best's "4 season" approach to the fly schedule. But I do think that those you have for season is enough. Twenty "fly" per year is too many.

M. Best's third proposal seems sound: augment the existing fly schedule with fly in the

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writes for the southern flyer.

I am strongly in favor of maintaining the spring bird fly. Also, we must insist that spring birds be banded with BFA bands.

I have no problem with allowing a fly to release the pit 1 1/2 hours before sunrise. We must maintain and 2 1/2 hours capturing rule.

I have no problem with changing fly rule 38c to read like fly rule 25.

Sincerely,

Robert

12 Nov. 43

HeSim,

I like the idea of one fly per month during the weekend nearest the full moon. I hope could fly at this time young birds late Old & young birds late birds and more late. So each month they would have some record to try for and it would give opportunity to fly in different areas to fly in months most suitable for them.

Some could be for the best test time of a single month fly. So they could be a series for 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 months of any fly number to fly each month with only a break. Or make for 3 or 4 and 5 or 6. ^{more years} believe monthly fly are easier with birds and fly in England but monthly fly are

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Some time it seems the club has too many fly days and not enough fly.

So maybe one fly in the month or two and they have fly clubs as you wish with maybe a fly every other month or less than the year.

One again the ISEA on IFL may want to maintain their independence yet they might have the same fly as before as they may be more comfortable on fly days. I mean of our club could stay on combine them.

STAN OGODZALEK

RE: FULLER PROPOSALS

1. FLY SEASON STARTS MUCH TOO SOON, WOULD BE FORCED TO START TRAINING FEB 01. BAD WEATHER, SHORT DAYLIGHT HOURS EQUAL DIS-ASTER TO A GOOD KIT. — APRIL 11-12 SOUNDS OK TO ME.
2. MAY 9-10 ANY AGE? YOUNG BIRDS? PLEASE TELL ME WHO, IF ANY, HAS YOUNG BIRDS READY; CONTEST READY, FOR MAY 23, 24? PERSONALLY I'VE HAD TROUBLE GETTING THEM READY FOR THE JUNE YOUNG BIRD CONTEST.
3. NOVEMBER—JANUARY—FEBRUARY CONTESTS MIGHT BE GOOD FOR THE SOUTHERN FLYERS BUT I DOUBT IF ANY NORTHERN FLYER WOULD ENTER A KIT.

4. TEAM LOFTS? REALLY ...

5. RE: M. BEAT'S LETTER OCT. 30-91

2ND PARAGRAPH—I AGREE WITH HIM. BUT THEN BAND SALES ARE A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE FTA!

6. AM AGAINST 1 1/2 HRS BEFORE SUNRISE TO START—45 MINUTES WOULD BE OK. WHY DON'T THE ENGLISH FANCIERS START EARLIER?

7. I AGREE WITH HIS FINAL CONCLUSION ABOUT RULE 38C.

HOW MANY FLYERS, NOT MEMBERS, DO WE HAVE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE USA? HOW MANY WILL COMPETE SHOULD THE FLY SCHEDULE BE ALTERED?

HOW MANY NORTHERN FLYERS WILL COMPETE IN THE WINTER CONTESTS?

TRAINING THE KITS AND COMPETING WITH THEM FOR ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR ISN'T FOR ME. A RESPIRE FROM TRAINING AND COMPETITION DOES WONDERS FOR MY ENTHUSIASM THE FOLLOWING SEASON. TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING...

Stan Ogodzialek 10/15/91

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July 26, 1983

Jim

As usual, I'm late getting this letter written, but time seems to get done according to schedule around here, except for milk and that's not always guaranteed either.

On the phone we mainly talked about a possible winter fly schedule but I am responding more to your "message" in the April 7's Bulletin concerning fly participation and the whole concept of fly competitions.

I don't write many letters but when I do I try to put them out in my hand before I write them (another factor that slows down my letter writing). Anyway, I am going to open with what I had planned to close with. I don't expect all my ideas to be adopted, in fact I won't be surprised if none of them are, I'm just hope that the views from my angle might help trigger something that will result in some positive results.

Regarding participation, the first thing I made is something I came across regarding a 1986 NFTA

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rule book and that is their novice classification. A novice by their definition is someone who has not flown his birds 10 hours or more in an organized competition. I am not sure, but I think they are entered in the regular competition but in addition are also competing just against other novices. Two flies in one or a fly within a fly, ~~the~~ however you want to word it. Also there is a novice aggregate. I thought this might help beginners overcome a fear of competing against experienced flyers. At first I was so excited about this idea I called you and asked you but you were out of town and then the more I thought about it the more I doubted its value so I let it go but ~~the~~ ~~idea~~ I've mentioned it so more experienced hands than mine can judge its merits.

When thinking about the concept of a winter schedule I came up with the idea of: "I leave the stock fly date position where it is but change the designation to

WINTER I #2 ADD 2 MORE FLYS
ONE IN NOV. AND ONE IN DEC
DESIGNATED WINTER II, III (YOU WOULD
HAVE TO WATCH THE NOV. FLY DATE
WITH REGARDS TO THANKS GIVING) AND #3
REMOVE THE 7 BIRD LIT. REASON:
TRY TO MAKE IT MORE OF A CONTEST
AND TO ATTRACT MEMBERS - LIKE TO
FLY LARGE KITS. I THINK 12 A
WINTER SCHEDULE LIKE 11 OR ANY
OTHER POSSIBLE SCHEDULE) YOU ARE GOING
TO NEED TO ATTRACT A FEW NORTHERN
MEMBERS FOR ADEQUATE NUMBERS, IF
NOTHING ELSE THEY COULD USE IT AS
PRACTICE FOR TRAINING THEIR BIRDS IN
FLYING INTO DARKNESS AND DROPPING
TO LIGHTS. - IN GOING OVER THE
MEMBERSHIP LIST TO THERE REALLY
AREN'T THAT MANY SOUTHERN FLYERS.
2 IN GEORGIA (I DON'T KNOW IF MURRAY
HAS EVER FLOWN IN COMPETITION), 1 IN
ALABAMA, 2 IN LOUISIANA (ONE IS
A JUNIOR), 2 IN TEXAS (3 IF DICK
GRANATH WOULD FLY AND 3 IN CALIFORNIA)
SO WE WOULD NEED A HIGH % TURNOUT
TO MAKE IT WORK. CAN THIS BE
DONE ON A TRIAL BASIS LIKE THE
EXHIBITION SPORTS IN THE OLYMPICS?

I CALLED AL PUMPOI AND ASKED HIM
HIS THOUGHTS ON A WINTER SCHEDULE.
I MENTIONED MY IDEAS AND HE LIKED
THE IDEA OF REMOVING THE 7 BIRD
LIMIT AND WOULD PARTICIPATE IF
THE FLYS WERE SCHEDULED. HOWEVER,
HE ALSO SAID THE ADDITION OF NOV.
DEZ FLYS WAS NOT THAT IMPORTANT
TO HIM BUT WHAT HE WOULD REALLY
LIKE IS A COUPLE EXTRA EARLY
FLYS IN THE SPRING, EVEN INTO
MARCH. JUST WHAT YOU NEEDED A
NEW CONCEPT. WE DO GENERALLY
HAVE EXCELLENT FLYING WEATHER
HERE IN TEXAS BUT I ALSO REALIZE
OUR SPRINGS ARE SEVERAL WEEKS TO
A MONTH AHEAD OF YOURS.

WHEN I ASKED YOU ON THE PHONE
ABOUT MICHAEL BEAT'S IDEAS I WAS
WONDERING ABOUT WHAT ~~HE~~ FLY DATES
HE WAS PROPOSING. IF I UNDERSTOOD
CORRECTLY HIS MAIN PROPOSAL WAS THAT
A FLYERS BEST TIME ^{ONLY} FROM EACH SERIES
WOULD BE USED FOR AN AGGREGATE.
IF THAT IS THE CASE THAT SEEMS
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO ME AS IT
ENCOURAGES THE OCCASIONAL PARTICIPANT
RATHER THAN THE FLY AFTER FLY ETC.

PARTICIPATION FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS THAT I THINK THE CLUB NEEDS. I HAVE TO ADMIT I AM PROBABLY MORE AGGREGATE ~~FOR THE~~ ^{OR DISPERSED} THAN MOST BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I CAN WIN AN INDIVIDUAL FLY BUT WAS Hoping TO FLY SMOOTHLY BUT UNSPECTACULAR TIMES AND ^{BY} AVOIDING DISQUALIFICATIONS. I COULD CHALLENGE FOR THE AGGREGATE. A PLAN LIKE THIS WORKS FOR MY SITUATION BUT THEN AGAIN I NOT EXACTLY A MAINTAINING COMPETITOR. THE TOTAL AGGREGATE IS A LONG RANSE SORT, MY GATE FOR 93 WAS TO BEAT YOU AND THE AGGREGATE. I KNEW YOU PARTICIPATE A LOT BUT I ALSO THOUGHT THAT IF PAST HISTORY WAS AN INDICATOR YOUR WORK WOULD INTERFERE WITH YOUR TRAINING. SO I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD SNEAK BY YOU, BUT AFTER 1 NO START DUE TO AN INJURED BIRD AND 3 DISQUALIFICATIONS I'M IN TROUBLE. BY THE WAY YOU ARE ANNOYED 13:29 TO 9:10. I'VE WONDERED FROM ~~THE~~ THE TOPIC AT HAND, HOW TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATION. I LOOKED AT THE NTH SCHEDULE 7 FLYS⁴ OLD BIRD AND 3 YOUNG BIRD. THEN

I LOOKED AT THE DUTY SCHEDULE (PAGE 45 1980 PLEEN REVIEW SPECIAL) 9 FLYS: 4 OLD BIRD, LONG DAY YOUNG AND OLD, 3 YOUNG BIRD FLYS AND A SEPTEMBER FLY FOR YOUNG AND OLD. WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON IS AN OLD BIRD SERIES AGGREGATE AND YOUNG BIRD SERIES ~~AND~~ AGGREGATE. SOMETIMES I WONDER IF WE HAVE TOO MANY FLYS BUT I THINK PART OF THE PROBLEM IS TOO MANY PLANS OLD FLYS WITH THE ONLY THINGS SPECIAL IS LONG DAY. A WHILE BACK SMALL BASIC MENTIONED IN A LETTER IN THE BULLETIN THAT HE THOUGHT ~~THE~~ THERE SHOULD DIFFERENT LIST FOR BEST YOUNG BIRD TIMES AND BEST OLD BIRD TIMES. MAYBE WE DON'T ~~BE~~ DIFFERENTIATE ENOUGH. TWO MORE OBSERVATIONS BEFORE I FINALLY GET TO A POSSIBLE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL. OBSERVATION #1, WE HAVE A VERY LONG FLY SCHEDULE SPECIALLY WITH REGARDS TO AGGREGATE WINTER AND POSSIBLY THE INTEREST STAY OF MEMBERS. OBSERVATION #2, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I SEEM TO START OFF THE SPRING FULL OF ENTHUSIASM LOOKING

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FORWARD TO LONG DAY AND THEN THE SUMMER III FLY SEEMS SORT OF ANTI-CLIMATIC. MY FIRST IDEA WAS TO SUGGEST THAT EACH SERIES HAVE AN AGGREGATE WINNER. TO MY WAY OF THINKING THAT WOULD INTENSIFY THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH FLY. USING SUMMER III AS AN EXAMPLE IT WOULD REPRESENT $\frac{1}{3}$ OF THE FLYS INVOLVED IN AN AGGREGATE TITLE/CHAMPIONSHIP RATHER THAN $\frac{1}{10}$ OF THE FLYS. KEEPING ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED IN MIND IF I HAD TO MAKE A FLY SCHEDULE TRYING TO SATISFY ALL THE REQUESTS (BUT PROBABLY PLEASES NO ONE.) THIS IS MY SUGGESTION. START WITH LONG DAY WHICH WILL NO LONGER BE CALLED SUMMER II. I THOUGHT ABOUT LIMITING IT TO OLD BIRDS LIKE THE OUVU BUT I THINK IT WOULD ^{BE} THE NUMBER OF COMPETITORS IN OUR SITUATION. TWO WEEKS AFTER LONG DAY WOULD BE SUMMER III FOR YOUNG BIRDS ONLY. THREE WEEKS BEFORE AND ONE WEEK BEFORE LONG DAY WOULD BE SUMMER I, II, & AGAIN FOR YOUNG BIRDS. SUMMER I, II, & III AGGREGATE WINNER WOULD BE

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YOUNG BIRD CHAMPION. THEN EVERY TWO WEEKS BEFORE SUMMER I FOR 4 FLYS WOULD BE SPRING I, II, III, AND III FOR OLD BIRDS WITH THE SPRING AGGREGATE WINNER BEING THE OLD BIRD CHAMPION. THERE WOULD ALSO BE AN AGGREGATE ~~CHAMPION~~ WINNER FOR THE WHOLE 8 FLY SERIES. THIS WOULD GIVE YOU A TRADITIONAL OR CLASSIC FLY SERIES. TIM, YEARS AGO YOU EXPLAINED TO ME WHY THE FTA DOES THEIR AWARDS THE WAY THEY DO. I DON'T PARTICULARLY LIKE IT. LIKE IT BUT I CAN LIVE WITH BUT THE SERIES I'VE PROPOSED I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FTA FURNISH AN ACTUAL AWARD FOR YOUNG BIRD CHAMPION, OLD BIRD CHAMPION, LONG DAY WINNER, AND THE SERIES CHAMPION IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THEM MORE SPECIAL. NEXT YOU WOULD HAVE THE FALL I, II, AND III FLYS AND THE WINTER I, II, AND III FLYS AS I SUGGESTED EARLIER. YOU COULD HAVE AGGREGATE WINNERS FOR EACH SERIES OR THE 2 SERIES COMBINED. FOR THESE 2 SERIES THE PRESENT AWARD SYSTEM IS FINE, FOR TO MY WAY OF

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THINKING THERE ISN'T ANYTHING
SPECIAL, JUST FLY FLY COMPETITIONS.
THAT MAKES 14 FLYS FOR THE
YEAR. YOU COULD ALSO HAVE AN
AGGREGATE WINNER FOR THE WHOLE
14 FLYS. YES ~~THE~~ A 14 FLY SEASON
SEEMS TO MUCH BUT ACTUALLY ITS
4 DIFFERENT FLY SEASONS. HOPEFULLY
THIS WOULD GET US AWAY FROM
MEMBERS ENTERING A FLY HERE AND A
FLY THERE TYPE OF PARTICIPATION AND
WITH THE SHORTER TIME SPANS FOR
AGGREGATE WINNERS LEAD TO MORE
CONSISTENT PARTICIPATION.
LIKE I SAID I DON'T EXPECT THE
FTA TO EMBARRAS THIS SCHEDULE LOCK,
STOCK AND BARREL. TO ME, THE
MOST IMPORTANT PART IS THE OLD AND
YOUNG BIRD CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH THE
FTA FUNDISING THE AWARDS.
SORRY I'M SO WORRY AND
RAMBLE. HOPE IT HELPS IN SOME
WAY.

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Tim

WHILE I WAS MILKING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON I WAS ~~GOING~~ REVIEWING THE LETTER I MAILED YOU IN MY MIND AND IT ~~SEEMED~~ OCCURRED TO ME THAT I MIGHT OF SOUNDED CRITICAL OF PEOPLE WHO ONLY FLY ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR. I DID NOT MEAN FOR IT TO COME ACROSS THAT WAY AS ANY PARTICIPATION IS FAR BETTER THAN NONE.

REGARDING THE NOVICE DESIGNATION I FORGOT TO MENTION THE IDEA OF USING AN 8 HR STANDARD INSTEAD OF THE NTU'S 10 HRS.

REGARDING THE OB'S YB CHAMPIONSHIP IDEA AGAIN. I FORGOT TO MENTION I REALIZE WE COULD USE OUR CURRENT FLY SCHEDULE RESULTING IN A 3 FLY OB AND 2 FLY YB SERIES. HOWEVER WOULD JUST 2 YB FLYS BE ENOUGH. MAYBE, MAYBE CONSIDERING THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE FTA WE DON'T DESERVE ANY MORE FLYS.

I ALSO CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF MY IDEAS ARE NAIVE, PROBABLY TO A DEGREE.

I DON'T ENJOY YOU AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AS YOU WORK ON THIS PROBLEM.

GOOD LUCK

- Tim

AUG 6, 1993

Tim

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY ON THE FLY SCHEDULE QUESTION.

FIRST: LEAVE EVERYTHING THE WAY IT IS NOW

SECOND: ADD A 4 FLY WINTER SEASON WITH 1 IN NOV, 1 IN DEC, AND 2 IN MARCH (BEFORE THE 22ND). THIS SERIES COULD

HAVE A ~~SEVERAL~~ SERIES AGGREGATE WINNER BUT THE 4 FLYS WOULD NOT COUNT IN THE SEASON. AGREE GATE BECAUSE OF ITS SPLIT DATE AND THE ~~ALMOST~~ ~~OVERLAPPING~~ DATE WHICH ALMOST CREATES A SEASON WITHOUT END. ~~AGAIN~~ AGAIN, DO AWAY WITH THE 7 BIRD LIMIT FOR THIS SERIES.

THIRD: HAVE A 4 FLY OLD BIRK CHAMPIONSHIP AND A 3(4?) FLY YOUNG BIRD CHAMPIONSHIP USING A FLYERS BEST TIMES FROM OUR EXISTING FORMAT (A. VARIATION I THINK OF MICHAEL BEATS FIDEA).

I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT THE FORMAT BUT IT SEEMED LIKE A PLAUSIBLE COMPROMISE.

OMER - ~~BEATS~~

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February 20, 1994

FTA Executive Board,

As mentioned in the Officers Communication I will share some of my thoughts on the fly schedule and potential changes.

First off the only given is we should keep a contest near the summer solstice, the Long Day Fly. It should allow old birds to compete and preferably also young birds should the competitor desire.

After that there are a few other things that probably be almost givens. We should provide a season for old birds and one for young birds. The young bird fly should not start until late enough in the year for members to have them available. We should offer a season that allows and promotes participation by our southern membership.

For decades we have had a three series fly set-up with old birds in the spring, young birds in the summer and any age in the fall. About fifteen years ago we added the stock fly to the end of the fall series. We have an extensive tradition with this arrangement. Some may say if it ain't broke don't fix it

There may be as many that will say that it is broke. Over the years we have tried a whole gamut of ideas to try to increase the quantity of participation in the fly contests. Taking a look at the fly results it is obvious that not a large percentage of our membership competes in FTA fly even though they have ten opportunities per year to do so.

Why? I am sure the reasons are as varied as the number of members. Some that come to mind are; it is too much work to train a kit, work conflicts, family concerns, afraid of failure, weather, other priorities for use of free time, etc

But what it comes down to in my opinion is commitment. Fanciers who have a commitment to doing well with their birds will find a way to overcome any of the above issues and then some. If one puts a priority on competitively flying a kit of Tipplers he will find a way to do it while working a shift job, rain or shine, etc. I am not sure that there are all that many members who will make the commitment to fly no matter how easy we make it. We may have to admit that flying Tippler pigeons just does not have the significance in the life of North Americans as it does overseas.

If we are going to change the FTA fly set-up I might be leaning towards lessening the number of flys, rather than adding more, and spacing the out farther between. One idea would be to put three old bird flys in front of the Long Day at the pace of every three weeks instead of the current two week interval. Then make the young bird flys start three weeks after the Long Day for three flys. The "southern" series could be flown in late winter/early spring before the old bird series and include any age birds.

As we are addressing the issue of FTA flys I think that we need to consider the costs of the program. We need to increase the entry fee. The \$1.50 that we are currently charging is grossly too little in my mind. At most high quality pigeon shows the entry fee is \$3.00 per bird or more!! I would suggest that the FTA fly entry be increased to at least \$2.50 and preferably more. I would not object to even \$5.00 per fly. You don't get much for \$1.50 anywhere today. We have been charging \$1.50 for almost 20 years if I remember right. If we just adjust it based upon inflation we would be beyond the \$5.00 mark. It may be too late to make any changes to the entry fee for this year, but we should, and I will, add it to the agenda of issues being addressed by the Executive Board

Well, that's all for now

Best wishes
Jim

FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA BULLETIN



March 7, 1994

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FROM THE SECRETARY

All membership dues for 1994 are now due: \$10. Send your dues and band orders to the Treasurer: Walter Wiechec, 105 Clay Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.

This BULLETIN contains sixteen pages of very interesting Flying Tippler information, including a 4-page article by one of the masters of the sport, Stanley Ogozalek. At David Fuller's request, Stan wrote the article and David prepared the camera-ready copy that was used to produce the printed copies. At Stan's request, another master of the sport, Jack Prescott also wrote an article, entitled "A Brief History & Training Lesson on Flying Tipplers," and that article will be published in the next FTA BULLETIN.

A "President's Message" from Tim Kvidera and Jerry O'Rourke's Annual Report, as well as an article entitled "In Too Big a Hurry," by Bob Rugaber, among many other very interesting things to read, are also published in this issue of the BULLETIN. A "Get to Know..." form from Tom Toscano is on page 13; a useful chart on identifying hawks in flight, from Richard Kehrner, is on page 14. Lots of good reading, to be sure.

Don't miss out on the next FTA BULLETIN. RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1994 NOW!

PROPOSED 1994 FTA FLY SCHEDULE

Pending final approval by the FTA's Board of Directors, here is the proposed fly schedule for 1994:

Spring Series: April 23/24; May 7/8; May 21/22.

Summer Series: June 4/5; June 18/19 (Long Day); July 2/3.

Fall Series: Sept. 17/18; Oct. 1/2; Oct. 15/16; Oct. 29/30 (Stock Fly).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following persons as members of North America's oldest and best Flying Tippler club, the FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA:

1. JAMES H. BOYD (c/o Woodstock Farm, Chesapeake City, MD 21915).

2. EUGENE CARLSON (247 Revilo Avenue, Shirley, NY 11967-1714).

3. LEE FAECKLING (12929 Huffman Road, Pormahts, OH 44130).

4. GARY F. JAMES (1907 East Sergeant Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125).

5. GEORGE E. JAMES (1925 East Sergeant Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125). George is the father of Gary.

6. JOHN J. KLEIS (R. R. 1, Box 256, Richfield Springs, NY 13439).

7. BILL SANDIFER (47 Collins Street, Keansburg, NJ 07734). Bill used to have pigeons and is now returning to the hobby.

8. MIKE (MAHMOUD) SHOKOUHI (21905 Fox-lain Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20879).

9. TOM TOSCANO (Post Office Box 398, Mongaup Valley, NY 12762). Tom is a retired railroad man and has been raising and flying pigeons for 50+ years. "...No matter how many times I have tried to fly other breeds of pigeons, I find the only enjoyment is Flying Tipplers..." Tom's telephone number is: 914-583-5735.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope that your birds have wintered over well. Up here in Minnesota the second week of February has seen some of our snow disappear. Still a lot of it here, but it is nice to have the thermometer reading on the plus side of zero for a while and even better to be above freezing. Put my Tipplers together and am looking forward to spring so that I can resettle some of the hold overs and hopefully make an old bird kit for the FTA competitions and get the youngsters ready for the summer flies. Flying competition dates will be listed elsewhere in this Bulletin.

I am sure that many of you are disappointed with the void in pigeon communication caused by the sporadic publication of the American Pigeon Journal, once the staple of most pigeon fancier's literary diets. There are two magazines that have come forward and are doing a very good job of filling the void - the Pigeon Debut and the Pigeon Fancier. Both are very good and I recommend either, or both. The Pigeon Debut is a little more "blue collar". It has color photos on both front and back covers, nice articles and black and white photos. Current subscription rate is \$18.00 for U.S. and \$32.00 in Canada. Address is P.O. Box 271026, Oklahoma City, OK 73137. The Pigeon Fancier extensively uses high quality color photos and supplements them with black and white to support well written articles. Its cost is \$28.00 in the U.S. and \$35.00 in Canada P.O. Box 694, Colton, CA 92324. Both magazines are doing a very good job of maintaining a prompt monthly mailing. Each have been in existence a little over one year.

It is that time again for you to renew your FTA membership and order your 1994 FTA bands, if you have not already done so. Send them to Walter Weichec and include a little message as to how things are going, what you are breeding from or the like. He will forward them to Robert Powell for inclusion in a forthcoming Bulletin to share with the rest of us. We all like to hear what is happening with the fellow members. There is no reason that you cannot send comments directly to Robert. I just suggest including them with your checks to Walter to make it easier on you and possibly therefore getting better response.

The FTA Executive Board is in the process of working on the 1995 fly season. We are reviewing the whole concept of how our fly season is structured and wanting to incorporate a "winter" series of some sort to accommodate our southern members. If you have comments please send them to me so I can share them with the Board. My target is to have the Board's recommendation ready to include in the general membership ballot that is due this upcoming winter to elect the next term officers.

Best wishes to all for a successful 1994, both in the loft as well as in the air, Tim.

LOSING IT! (YOUR NOVICE STATUS)

AN ARTICLE FOR THE BEGINNER, BY: STAN OGOZALEK

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Stan Ogozalek in front of his Tippler loft.

In England, a novice loses his status when he has successfully flown a kit of Tipplers for at least ten hours in a sanctioned competition. But, for a new-comer to the sport, just how difficult is this to achieve? That depends. A new-comer must be determined to apply all of the necessary training information supplied to him by the experienced fancier. One who has flown his kit in competition. One who's already "lost it." In some cases, the information that is given may not be enough to give the novice his "jump-start" into the sport and so this article is intended for those fanciers who may be having some problems. Any new-comer deserves more than just bands and feathers for his money, he should also get encouragement and assistance along the way so that he might become an active participant in the contests.

Right from the get-go there are certain things that **MUST BE DONE** by the new-comer: 1. He must acquire the best stock possible otherwise he'll be just shoveling against the tide and become easily discouraged and end up quitting the game. 2. He should build kit boxes in which to properly house his kit of competition Tipplers. 3. He must acquire good droppers. Active droppers that will assist him in the settling of his Tipplers and in getting them to drop when the time is right. And, 4. He should buy proper training feed. Grains such as malt barley, Durham

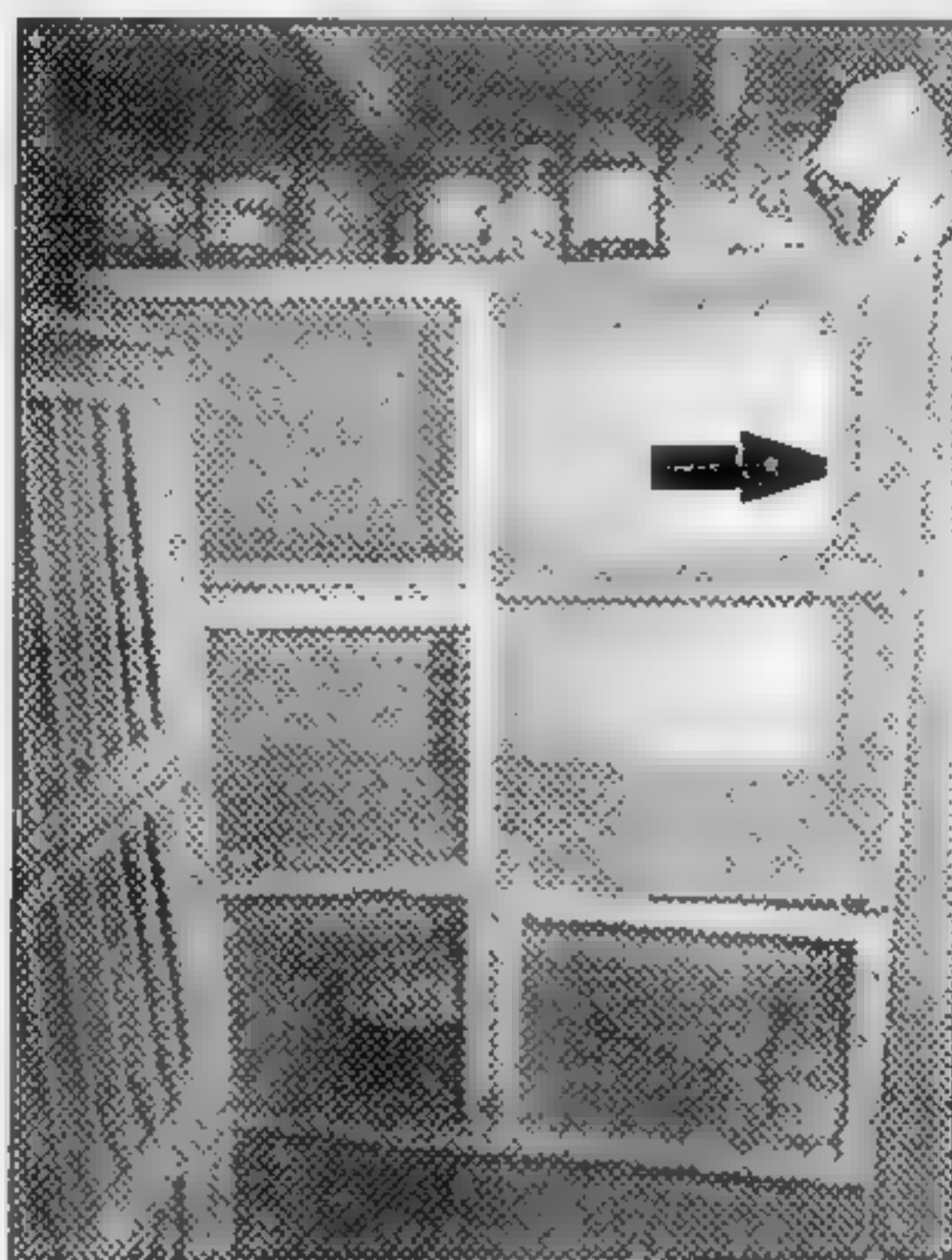


A close-up of some of Stan's droppers and young Tipplers out in the loft aviary

wheat and white milo. And seeds such as plain canary, rape, niger, flax, millet, rice or a good canary mix if the separate seeds cannot be obtained.

There are those fanciers out there that will tell you that some or maybe all of the things just mentioned aren't really necessary to fly a kit. However, the top fanciers that I've met wouldn't even consider training a kit without the use of droppers and the different grains and seeds listed.

All right then, we'll assume that you already have your stock and will be breeding and producing young birds or you may have bought enough young Tipplers to form a kit (after you've lost a few in settling). But, before one begins to settle his young Tipplers he should have settled his droppers to the loft and have enough of them on hand, say, about six. They should be mostly white if not white altogether and they must be active. Those that just stand there on the roof are useless. You need the flutter of the droppers to lure the young Tipplers back to the loft when



Stan's group kit boxes, notice the jars of feed on top and the fluorescent markers inside on the right (see arrow)

settling and later to drop the kit either in training or at the end of a contest. These droppers should be accustomed to the grains that you feed to the Tipplers and they should be kept sharp (hungry). You'll want them to chase after the barley or the plain canary seed that you throw about the loft roof to help create the flutter that is necessary to "pull" that kit down to the loft. Use the feed sparingly as you wouldn't want them to fill up and become satisfied and useless as droppers. It's a good idea to keep a few in reserve should the others tire. That way you'll be able to toss them

into the air where they'll be noticed by the kit flying above.

Now, while you are waiting for your tipplers to get old enough to train, you might start on building those group kit boxes. They can be three feet wide by two feet deep by eighteen inches high with a dowel front and door. The kit boxes should be in a section by themselves so that the Tipplers inside aren't distracted. The purpose of the kit box is enforced rest. You want the kit to use all of its energy flying in training and on the big day when you want them to go the whole day long. The size of the kit box mentioned will hold about eight young Tipplers and if you have more, a second box is the thing to have.

It's time now to settle those Tipplers. They should be removed from their nests at about 3 1/2 weeks and placed in the kit box. A dropper hen can stay with them and show them how to eat the barley and drink. Of course, they'll spend time each day in the aviary with other friendly droppers so they can view their



These are Stan's individual kit boxes

surroundings. This should continue for at least a week. During this time they are fed barley and on the day prior to their first release, nothing but water. The droppers should be very hungry when the day arrives for the Tipplers initial release. One needs to have control of them so that they will flutter about when the youngsters strike up--and they will--for the first time. To activate the droppers, throw a FEW grains of barley

at one end of the roof and the droppers will scramble for the feed, then do the same to the opposite end, etc. With patience, a lot of it, begin with enough daylight to allow them to return should they drop away somewhere and become temporarily lost. When and if all or most have returned and are trapped in and returned to the group box, they should be fed at half the amount. This is because they'll be released the very next day and a full crop will give them the energy to fly. The only thing you want from the youngsters at this stage is for them to be released, fly about the loft--if they will--and then down and in. This can be done a few times each day, if possible. After a week's time, they should begin to kit together and fly up to a 1/2 hour or more.

When the youngsters are on the roof, the droppers (3-4) should be out there with them. Once the kit starts to fly and reaches the hour mark, then keep the droppers in a carrying crate or something similar and only release them one at a time when any or all of the kit shows serious signs of wanting to come to the loft roof. Those signs are spreading tails and looking from side to side and the feet will be down. At that time, the droppers can be released singly. They'll get to recognize the droppers as being the signal to drop, though the fancier must know what the kit will do. If the kit isn't ready to drop and the fancier releases a dropper or two, but the kit continues flying; trap the droppers and release them again when the signs are shown by the kit. Eventually, the fancier will recognize the right time for the droppers release and know what the kit is capable of on plain barley or barley and wheat, etc. When they're trustworthy to be left flying on their own, you can go about your business. Someone else can release the kit--if possible--with the fancier coming later to observe and release the droppers at the proper time. A good kit should respond to the dropper signal in, say, 15 minutes or so, some say 10 minutes. Wilf Lovatt, I've read, had them drop in 30 to 45 minutes! It's also important not to fly the young kit in training to exhaustion, but to throw out the droppers about a half hour before the time they are expected to drop. Only on the contest date would a fancier hold the droppers back so as to get the most time from the kit. When they start to spread their tails and begin looking seriously at the loft it's time to release the droppers. Otherwise the kit might defect to the nearest rooftop, telephone wire or whatever. They might well drop to the loft

without the droppers and this must be avoided as it could spoil them. They should be dropped after each training fly to the droppers, that is, the droppers are thrown and the kit upon seeing them and being ready for them comes down to the loft top within say a half hour or less.

Care must be taken; that is, the fancier must be watchful of the kit. At times the odd bird or two will break away from the kit and either come down to the loft or drop away somewhere else. These individuals should be remembered and should they do so again, are to be put down. The kit must all go up and come down together, though one or two may continue for a while and then drop. That's acceptable, they might become the strongest of the kit. Those that have it in them to fly will do so while the others will come to the loft. If, with a kit of ten and all are kitting, but 4 or 5 come down when the droppers are released and the remainder continue to fly. Trap the early group and record their numbers and do the same for the others when they come down. If this happens again, then you now have two kits to train on alternate days. It can be a good comparison and experience, but of course, will take up some time. When the fancier feels confident of the kit, he may then go about his business or whatever. As Harry Hunt of Toronto would say "You don't have to stand there all day gaping at them!" With experience, the fancier will now just what his kit is capable of during training and be there to drop them when the time is right.

If a kit is just hanging around the loft area after release and not wanting to climb or rake, then of course, something is wrong. Possibly they're off their feed or too skinny and run-down. In this condition, it could become spoiled. Better to throw a few droppers out and get them down and in. Then try and learn the cause of their poor performance. An increase in the amount or quality of the feed may be needed. It could also be that more rest is required. If they're not skinny or run-down then they might need a dose of Epsom salts to liven them up somewhat. Another thing to consider is the weather they're flying in, hot and humid weather will drain the energy from them with the result being poor performance and shorter times. Remember, upon release, the kit should climb in height for a short time, and later settle down and begin raking, etc. When a kit is on barley only, they tend to fly lower and the duration of flight is shorter. An increase in the amount or a change of feed to include wheat and milo will give the kit a boost causing them to fly longer times and better style.

When they reach an hour and a half, they can be flown every other day and because of the rest, their time should increase to 2,



Stan's Gordon Hughes type Tippler kit that went 15 07

3 and 3 1/2 hours. Keep them at that level for a week, that's about 3 training flys of about 3 hours each. After that add a little wheat, and notice the flying time increase and the style improve. Give that pinch of additional seeds (discussed in detail later) the night before and notice the effect on the kit. Remember to always keep the first contest date in mind and adjust their schedule to it.

It's a good idea to handle the birds, though not often, as you wouldn't want to rub the bloom from them. But, you do want to see and feel their body weight while on the barley diet.

With Tipplers, you want to be looking "for them" and not just "at them." Meaning that they'll be flying "in style."

The fancier should note how the kit flies in different winds and weather conditions. They seem to fly better when the weather is cooler and dry than in hot humid conditions. The kits that I've flown have never done very well in hot humid weather, it just takes the fly out of them. I believe my best time in that type of weather was ten hours. I think that the smaller lighter birds would do better and they would be hens, more than likely. There are fanciers that can get their birds to fly in heat though I'm not one.

Malt barley is the grain to use when training your Tipplers. Don't worry if they don't eat it at first, they'll soon get used to it if there is nothing else for them to pick up! It should be used by itself up to the point when your kit reaches the two or three hour mark. At that time you would throw in a little wheat and later some milo. Once you have them going three hours or better you can increase the amount but remember that the barley must be fed first before the other grains. This increase (of the other grains and seeds) in their diet will result in an increase in flying time and so you must adjust their time of release accordingly. Release timing will be discussed later. Once they've eaten their ration of feed you should throw in a pinch of mixed canary seeds to get them accustomed to eating small seeds. You should keep your target date, usually the first contest date, in mind and adjust your training schedule so that the kit has an extra day to rest. For example, you could fly the kit every other day or you may want to put them on a schedule such as flying them on Saturday, Tuesday and Saturday again or Sunday-Wednesday-Sunday. So that extra day of rest I mentioned earlier will be built-in.

Birds in the kit box(es) should be fed at about the same time each evening. The kit should not be fed immediately after dropping as they would associate dropping with feeding time. The English fanciers measure their feed by the level teaspoon and each bird gets about 3 to 3 1/2 teaspoonfuls. Always feed the barley first. Ideally, they should be fed in a tray or hopper that is clean. It's not necessary to have the grit before them all the time, a modest amount once or twice per week providing that they finish it can be given.

All the seeds and grains you would give them prior to a contest must be readily recognized and eaten. While the kit has flown several times on barley alone the fancier might want to add a pinch or two of seeds per bird on the day prior to release at the usual feeding time and after they've had their normal ration of training feed (barley, wheat, milo). The effects of this will be noticed on the following day as they'll fly somewhat longer and higher. As they progress, the wheat and milo can be added. And, the fancier must adjust the release time as the flying in-

creases due to the better diet. Water once a day, a good drink of it after they've eaten then remove it from the box.

I've spoken to fanciers that say they feed their tipplers barley. But, they seldom tell you how much and whether they supplement that diet with anything else. Maybe it's my own training habits, but my kits have never flown well on just barley. I can get the youngsters to fly on it up to say 3 hours, but must add wheat and, or milo to it to get more time. How many fanciers will tell you just how well their kits are flying on plain barley, nothing else? I would have to see this for myself.

It's a good thing to give them a test feed-up prior to the competition date, say about two weeks before. You should feed them according to the feed-up given and release them as early as possible in the morning. That way you get them used to an early release time. If they've been trained correctly up to this point they'll fly a long time for you. And, with any luck from the weather, such as a 10-15 MPH wind and cool temperatures, they should fly in grand style; raking about the area and climbing to a good height then lowering. With a test feed-up and fly, you'll be able to see what you may expect from the kit on contest day. If you've made a mistake, you'll have time to correct it and get them back on track. If the kit has been flying up to six hours in training for you, then they could have doubled this time during this test. You'll then want to get them back on the training feed after the fly and it's a good idea to give them some vitamins with electrolytes in the water at this time. Use the recommended dosages only. Then it's back to the regular training schedule until the next feed-up which is only two weeks away.

An excellent example of a feed-up is the following, submitted by Tom Dilks (of England) and published in the May 1980 issue of the now defunct *Pigeon Review*.

"Train them for six days on barley and a teaspoon of mixed canary seed--that is to get them used to seed. Seventh day, half wheat, half barley. Keep them in that day for rest. Wednesday, fly for four hours then start the build up.

Wednesday P.M. 1 teaspoon Linseed, 1 tsp. mixed Canary, 1 tsp. Wheat, 1 tsp. *Tares, 20 Peas, 1 Cod Liver Oil pill.

Thursday P.M. 2 tsp. mixed Canary, 1 tsp. white Dari, 1 tsp. Tares, 10 Peas and Tonic.

Friday P.M. 2 tsp. mixed 1/2 Canary, 1 tsp. Wheat, 1 tsp. white Dari and Tonic.

Saturday A.M. 2 tsp. mixed Canary, 1/2 tsp. Tares, 1 Cod Liver Oil pill and Tonic.

Saturday P.M. Mixed Canary, Wheat, white Dari, Niger and plain water.

My mixed Canary contains 3 oz. millet, 4 oz. black Rape, 4 oz. Niger, 6 oz. plain Canary and 3 oz. Hemp. And the tonic is 12 drops Brandy, 2 tsp. of Parrashes Chemical food and 6 drops of Tincture of Iron mixed to one pint of water." *Tares is a vetch or grass seed

The Tipplers should be fed close to dark and their release time should be as many hours as you think or know they will fly prior to dark and feeding time. If dark is 8 p.m. then they would be released at about 3 p.m. so that they would fly up to their feed-up time of about five hours. It's smart to allow them a little extra time just in case they're feeling good and want to continue flying and go over into dark. Should that happen, one thing not



Here's another photo of Stan's individual kit boxes

mentioned was the use of lights, something a fancier should have enough of. Halogen lamps are just the thing to illuminate the loft top. Both droppers and young Tipplers should be accustomed to trapping under the lights at dusk.

With Tipplers, there can be nothing more satisfying to the fancier than to see his kit up in the blue. There they are like three specks of pepper taking advantage of the wind. With Tipplers, you want to be looking "for them" and not just "at them." Meaning that they'll be flying "in style."

Additional things that should be done to get the Tipplers on track quick are: 1. General rules of health should be maintained, that is, worming, canker medicine, etc. 2. Feed and water in the evening, removing it afterwards and do not leave any food. 3. Darkness; some fanciers will darken the kit box on the last few days before the contest to ensure rest. Don't cut off

the ventilation! 4. Fanciers have been known to have an identifying mark on the loft roof for the kit to recognize. It can be anything such as a cross or X or III and it can be painted with fluorescent paint. The same mark should be inside the loft in an area where it can be readily seen by the kit members. It will help in settling and for kit members returning at or near dark. 5. In hot weather, don't give too much rape or niger as they contain an acid; it would make them thirsty. And, 6. Feed-ups start with the larger grains first, that is, on the first or second day and then go to the lighter grains and seeds. Clear water on the last day. Be careful so as not to overfeed during the feed-up, as they might not care to eat on the last day. You don't want the kit to go out on an empty crop, but they shouldn't be overfed as they'll drop and vomit, especially in warmer months. On the final day of the feed-up, the kit should be fed about 8 hours prior to release. This amount of time can vary, some fanciers have been known to feed 3-4 hours before release, of course it would not be a heavy feed. Prior to release on contest day, put the lights on in the loft and offer a drink of water to the kit about one half hour before release time. They shouldn't need it, but they might want it. Look the kit over to see that all are ok, as some might not be up to it. It has happened that one of the kit birds has not taken to the feed-up, and so it is kept in and another substituted. One that's been fully trained, of course. After competition of a long fly, don't feed heavy. Something to fill their needs, but not the heavy grains. You might give a few peas on the following day to re-build their bodies, don't over do it. Then back to the training feed and their regular training schedule with the next contest in mind. Two weeks in between contests can be tough on the kit and the fancier. Good luck on "losing it" soon!

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES IN FTA HISTORY Compiled by Jerry O'Rourke, 1993

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

1. 18:05 M. Beat, Summer II, 1992 *
2. 16:50 O. Zovich, Summer II, 1992
3. 16:49 O. Zovich, Summer II, 1991
4. 16:31 O. Zovich, Summer II, 1984
5. 16:24 S. Basic, Spring III, 1992
6. 16:23 O. Zovich, Summer II, 1985
7. 16:21 A. Lukez, Spring III, 1985
8. 16:20 A. Lukez, Summer II, 1990
9. 16:13 L. Kapac, Summer II, 1993
10. 16:12 O. Zovich, Spring III, 1992
11. 16:10 A. Lukez, Spring III, 1984
12. 16:09 M. Kobulsky, Summer II, 1986
13. 16:03 M. Kobulsky, Summer II, 1988
14. 16:02 G. Chater, Summer III, 1985 **
15. 16:00 G. Chater, Spring III, 1984
16. 16:00 O. Zovich, Spring II, 1992
17. 15:47 D. Kinnear, Spring II, 1986
18. 15:47 S. Basic, Summer I, 1988
19. 15:46 R. Seabridge, Summer II, 1983
20. 15:45 S. Blaszcz, Summer II, 1977
- 15:40 O. Zovich, Spring II, 1986
- 15:40 R. Seabridge, Spring III, 1986
- 15:39 O. Zovich, Spring II, 1989
- 15:39 M. Kobulsky, Summer II, 1989

HONOR SYSTEM

1. 16:03 M. Beat, Summer II, 1990
2. 15:46 T. Kvidera, Summer II, 1979
3. 15:41 A. Lukez, Summer I, 1988
4. 15:35 F. Ratel, Summer III, 1980
5. 15:32 T. Kvidera, Summer III, 1981
- 15:32 M. Kobulsky, Spring III, 1990
6. 15:17 S. Ferguson, Spring III, 1980
7. 15:12 T. Kvidera, Spring III, 1976
- 15:12 S. Ferguson, Spring II, 1979
8. 15:11 A. Rajabnik, Summer II, 1992
9. 15:08 S. Ogozalek, Spring III, 1993
10. 15:07 E. R. Ball, Spring III, 1974
11. 14:51 E. R. Ball, Spring II, 1975
12. 14:48 M. Kobulsky, Summer I, 1988
13. 14:44 R. Bauman, Summer II, 1984
14. 14:38 K. Zamanian, Summer II, 1988
- 14:38 S. Ogozalek, Spring II, 1990
15. 14:34 H. Ahmadi, Summer II, 1985
16. 14:30 A. Ferguson, Spring I, 1980
17. 14:21 R. Kehrner, Spring I, 1993
18. 14:17 H. Johnson, Summer II, 1977
19. 14:16 F. Ratel, Spring III, 1978
20. 14:14 S. R. Powell, Spring III, 1987

* - FTA, United States and North American Old Bird Record.
**- FTA Young Bird Record.

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

One of our members, Ray Slater of Chelmsford, MA., is trying to find the origin of a Tippler in his loft for which he cannot account. Ray stated that it was not a stray, but he does not know from where it came.

The bird in question is a Red Checker banded FTA87-759. Both Bela Kiss and I (only 3 MA. FTA members) checked our records and we cannot shed any light on this bird.

If any of our members can help us, please drop me a note and I will forward it on to Ray.

Thank you,

Jerry O'Rourke
201 Codman Rd.
Norwood, MA. 02062

Nov. 19, 1993

On November 14th, I attended the OCEAN STATE 1993 30th ANNUAL WINTER CLASSIC All Variety Pigeon Show sponsored by the Little Rhody Pigeon Fanciers Association. The Show was held in conjunction with the Giant Runt Breeders Association and the American Show Racer Association. It was also the Ocean State Roller Club Annual Meet.

It was a two day Show with all Homers judged on Saturday and all fancy birds on Sunday. On Saturday, there were over 300 Show Homers entered and 50 Runts. On Sunday, there were over 200 fancy birds entered. It was a good sized Show.

My fellow MA. FTA members, Ray Slater came down from Chelmsford, and Bela Kiss came up from the Cape. We got together and talked Tipplers all day. NPA District 1 representative, Toni Patti, was there and I purchased a pretty Nun hen from him to use as a Dropper.

The Little Rhody Pigeon Fanciers Association was celebrating its 30th anniversary and complimentary commemorative coffee mugs were given to all exhibitors. They also gave me a 1st Place Blue Ribbon for best in class in flying category for a young Blue Checker hen.

It was a nice show run very capably by this Club and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Jerry O'Rourke

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

1993 ANNUAL REPORT
OF
CENTRAL TIMER

1. Received \$158.00 in entrance fees for FTA flys and forwarded same to Treasurer Walter Wiechec. Entrance fees were received from the following:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reports Requested</u>	<u>Flys Entered</u>
H. Ahmadi	\$20.00	10	4 ■
S. Basic	6.00	4	1
A. Fuller	6.00	4	4
G. Hulst	11.00	7	7 b
L. Kapac	5.00	3	1 b
H. Keay	6.00	4	3
R. Kehrer	6.50	4	4 b
H. Kogan	10.50	7	6
T. Kvidera	9.00	6	4
A. Likez	3.00	2	1
T. Mirseyedi	15.00	10	5
T. Murphy	9.00	6	2
S. Ogozalek	6.00	4	3
O. Ogren	12.00	8	8
J. O'Rourke	12.00	8	8
S. R. Powell	7.50	5	0
H. Smith	6.00	4	3
E. Young	6.00	4	3
O. Zovich	1.50	1	1
	<u>\$158.00</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>68</u>

a - \$5.00 donation

b - .50 donation

Note: Where member sent me a note or blank Report stating that he could not fly that week, I gave him credit for a fly.

2. Regular Diploma Awards for 1993 were awarded to the following:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Diplomas</u>	<u>Official System</u>	<u>Honor System</u>
H. Ahmadi	4	(1423)(1517)(1522)	(831)
G. Hulst	4		(1104)(822)(1107) and (819)
L. Kapac	1	(1613)	
H. Keay	1	(950)	
R. Kehrer	3		(1421)(1148)(818)
T. Mirseyedi	3		(1420)(1128)(1207)
T. Murphy	1		(902)
S. Ogozalek	2		(1004)(1508)
H. Smith	2	(1303)(1256)	
E. Young	2		(952)(1242)
O. Zovich	1	(1405)	
	<u>24</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>

3. Aggregate Diploma Awards for 1993 were as follows:

Official System

H. Ahmadi with 3 flys totaling 45 Hours, 02 Mins.

Honor System

G; Hulst with 4 flys totaling 41 hours, 45 Mins.

4. The winners of each of the 10 Fly Series were as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Honor</u>
H. Ahmadi R. Kehrner	Spring I	14:23	14:21
H. Ahmadi R. Kehrner	Spring II "	15:17	11:48
H. Ahmadi S. Ogozalek	Spring III "	15:22	15:08
T. Mirseyedi	Summer I	None	11:28
L. Kapac T. Mirseyedi	Summer II "	16:13	12:07
A. Ahmadi	Summer III	None	8:31
G. Hulst	Fall I	None	8:22
G. Hulst	Fall II	None	11:07
	Fall III	None	None
G. Hulst	Fall IV	None	8:19

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5. Fly money awards for 1993 were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. Wins</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>Fly Series</u>
H. Ahmadi	4	\$52.00	Official	Spring I - 14:23
			"	Spring II - 15:17
			"	Spring III - 15:22
			Honor	Summer III - 8:31
R. Kehrler	2	25.00	Honor	Spring I - 14:21
			"	Spring II - 11:48
S. Ogozalek	1	15.00	Honor	Spring III - 15:08
T. Mirseyedi	2	23.00	Honor	Summer I - 11:28
			"	Summer II - 12:07
L. Kapac	1	16.00	Official	Summer II - 16:13
G. Hulst	3	27.00	Honor	Fall I - 8:22
			"	Fall II - 11:07
			"	Fall IV - 8:19
		\$158.00		

6. Additions to the 20 Best Flying Times in FTA History:

<u>OFFICIAL SYSTEM</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>FLY</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>
L. Kapac	Summer II	16:13	9th Place
<u>HONOR SYSTEM</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>
R. Kehrler	Spring I	14:21	17th Place
S. Ogozalek	Spring III	15:08	9th Place

7. Additons to the 20 Best Flying Times in each Series:

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<u>OFFICIAL SYSTEM</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>
H. Ahmadi	Spring I	14:23	16th Place
H. Ahmadi	Spring II	15:17	7th Place
O. Zovich	Spring II	14:05	20th Place
H. Ahmadi	Spring III	15:22	8th Place
L. Kapac	Summer II	16:13	7th Place

<u>HONOR SYSTEM</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>
R. Kehrer	Spring I	14:21	2nd Place
E. Young	Spring I	9:52	20th Place
R. Kehrer	Spring II	11:48	11th Place
S. Ogozalek	Spring II	10:04	18th Place
S. Ogozalek	Spring III	15:08	4th Place
T. Mirseyedi	Spring III	14:20	6th Place
E. Young	Spring III	12:42	15th Place
T. Mirseyedi	Summer I	11:28	3rd Place
G. Hulst	Summer I	11:04	5th Place
T. Mirseyedi	Summer II	12:07	13th Place
H. Ahmadi	Summer III	8:31	14th Place
G. Hulst	Fall I	8:22	18th Place
G. Hulst	Fall II	11:07	8th Place
T. Murphy	Fall II	9:02	19th Place
G. Hulst	Fall IV	8:19	11th Place
A. Fuller	Fall IV	5:06	18th Place
J. O'Rourke	Fall IV	4:05	19th Place

8. Aggregate Fly Times for 1993 were as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>No. Flys</u>	<u>Official System</u>	<u>Honor System</u>
H. Ahmadi	5	45 Hours, 02 Mins.	8 Hrs., 31 Mins.
H. Smith	2	25 Hours, 59 Mins.	
L. Kapac	1	16 Hours, 13 Mins.	
H. Keay	2	14 Hours, 20 Mins.	
O. Zovich	1	14 Hours, 05 Mins.	
G. Hulst	5		41 Hrs., 45 Mins.
T. Mirseyedi	3		37 Hrs., 55 Mins.
R. Kehrer	3		34 Hrs., 27 Mins.
S. Ogozalek	3		30 Hrs., 57 Mins.
J. O'Rourke	6		24 Hrs., 23 Mins.
E. Young	2		22 Hrs., 34 Mins.
O. Ogren	5		17 Hrs., 53 Mins.
S. Fuller	3		16 Hrs., 22 Mins.
T. Kvidera	3		13 Hrs., 29 Mins.
H. Kogan	2		10 Hrs., 00 Mins.
T. Murphy	1		9 Hrs., 02 Mins.

Total Official System - 115 Hours, 39 Mins.

Total Honor System - 266 Hours, 47 Mins.

Grand Total Hours Flown-382 Hours, 26 Mins.

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT

In 1993 we showed an increase, however slight, over the previous years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fly Reports Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Flys Entered</u>
1991	37	\$56.00	24
1992	86	149.50	67
1993	101	158.00	68

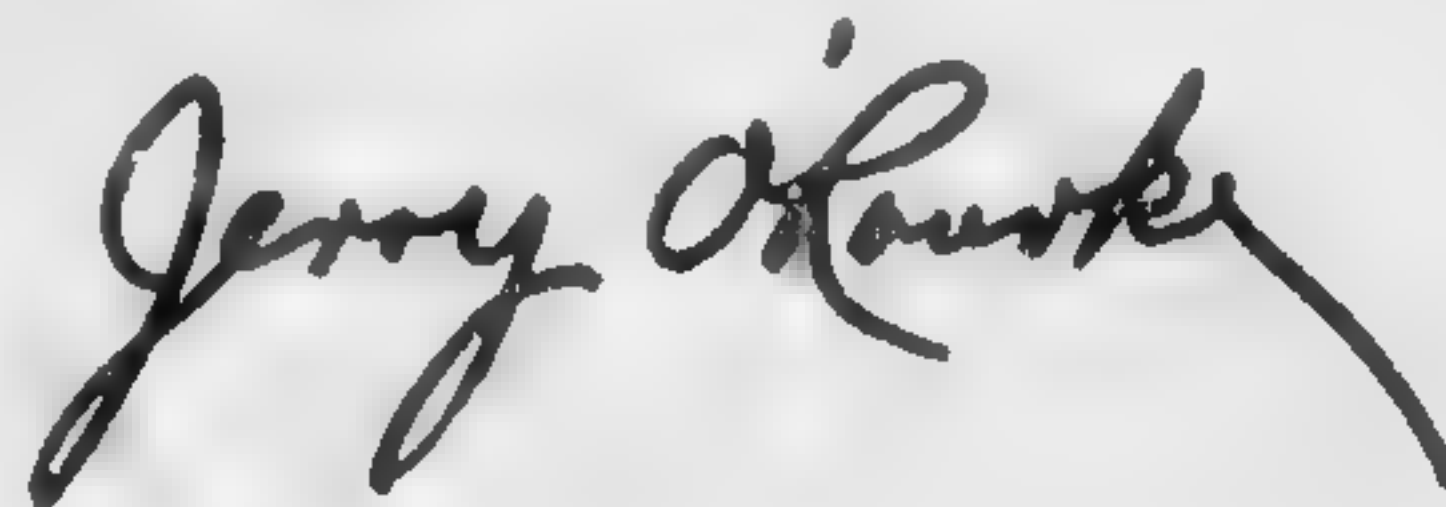
We are certainly moving in the right direction, but, again, we would like to see more of our membership take an active part in our competitions.

We had some very fine flys in 1993, notably, Luka Kapac with an outstanding fly of 16;13. Hamid Ahmadi put together some great flys times of 15:22, 15:17 and 14:23. It was good to see our former Secretary, Stan Ogozalek, back in the swing of things with two good flys of 15:08 and 10:04. New member, Gary Hulst took the Aggregate Honor time and Hamis Ahmadi won the Aggregate Official time award. Not to be overlooked was a superior fly time of 17:07 turned in by Al Lukez in the Summer III Series. It is the second best time ever recorded in FTA flys, unfortunately, it was my very sad duty to disqualify this fly because Al flew old birds and it was a young bird contest. I felt very badly about this, but Al accepted it very gracefully. Certainly a shame.

There were 24 Diplomas awarded in 1993 as compared to 23 in 1992 and we added 3 names to the Top 20 Overall Fly Times in both Official and Honor Systems. We also added 22 names to the Top 20 in each Series both Official and Honor Systems.

I would like to thank all our members who participated in the contests and who contributed to the various functions of our Club. I would urge more of our members to get involved in the FTA and put your birds in competition. Think about 1994 and see what you can do to help your Club.

I would also like to thank my fellow members for all their help and support given to me this past year.



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GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

Name: Tom Toscano

Address: P. O. Box 398 Mongaup Valley, NY, 12762

Telephone: 914-583-5735

Name of Loft: HAPPY COOP

Tom sent in his Get to Know Form with a notation on the back stating that he is a retired railroad worker who lives in Manhattan 5 months of the year and the other 7 in Mongaup Valley which is 5 miles from Monticello. He has been up in the mountains for 3 years. Unable to keep his pigeons in Manhattan due to landlord problems. HE states that he has plenty of problems with Hawks and loses quite a few birds. He has 2 pairs of Turbits, 2 pairs of Homers, 46 Tiplers, Canadian Tiplers and 1 pair of Helmets. Colors are Grizzles, Dun Grizzles, English markings, Yellow Canadian and Red Canadians.

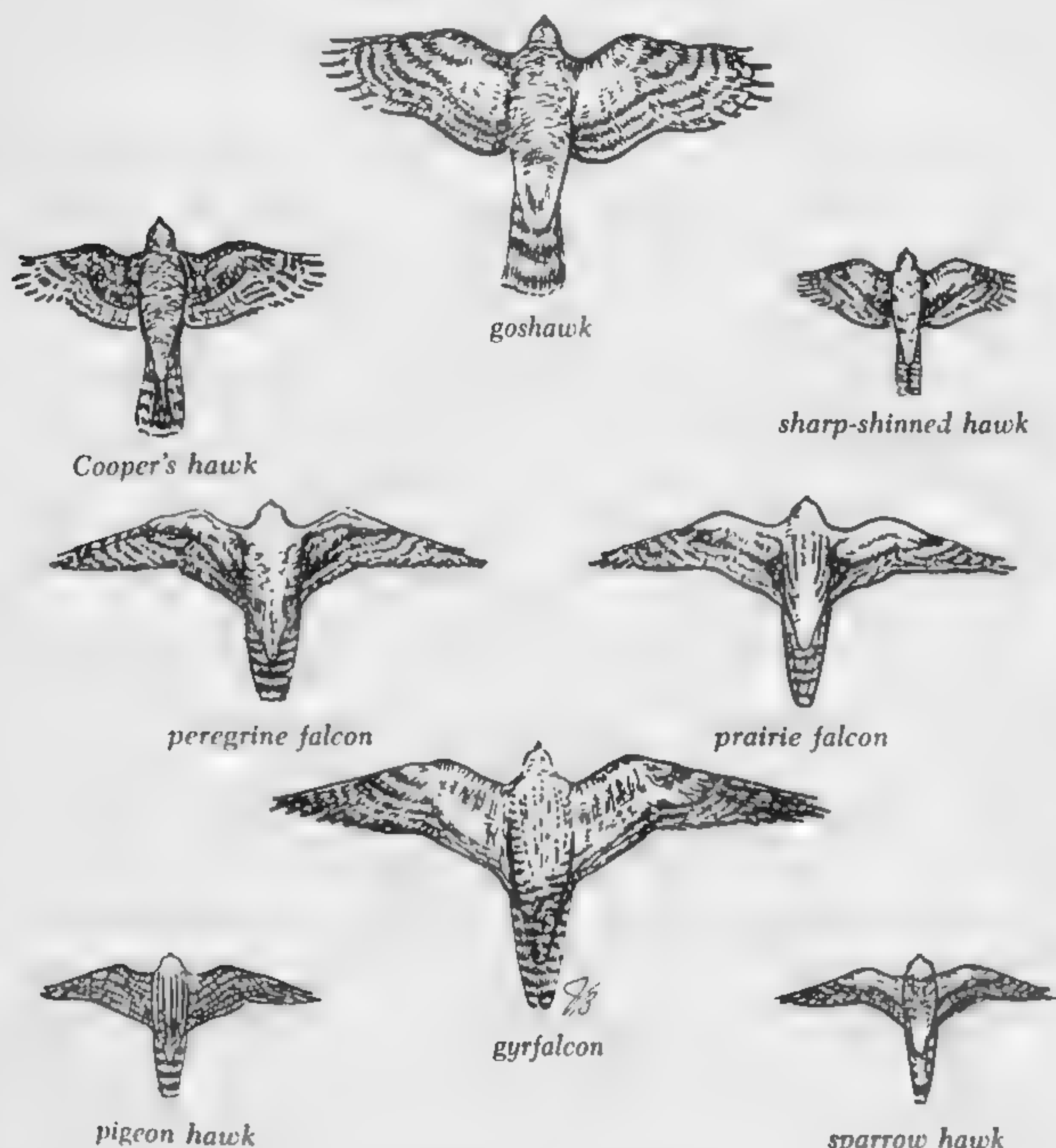
Tom filled out his Form as follows:

1. Started in pigeons by cleaning coops and hanging around Pigeons flyers on old Tenement buildings in NYC, Bronx and Manhattan.
2. Loft is 8x10.
3. HE flies Canadian Highflyers, stock Tiplers. Chose this family of birds because they are good flyers and are a pleasure to watch.
4. Keeps 60 birds. Breeds from 10 pairs.
5. Flies birds every day in Summer. Does not fly in Winter. Hawks are a major problem. I stay close to the birds - if they keep bouncing off I put them in. (Lost 50 in one day.)
6. No kit boxes, flies for pleasure and breeding.
7. Does not use Droppers. Birds not trained to darkness.
8. His comments are to keep Loft clean as possible and dry. Plenty of fresh water and no wet food.
9. Suggestions for FTA: Just keep Bulletins interesting- Members' Lofts, pigeon coops- pictures of their birds.
10. No pictures at this time.
11. No birds for sale at this time. Hawks keep attacking birds.

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FROM RICHARD R. KEHRER (7810 Mallard Way, Anderson, CA 96007. Phone: 916-547-4067). When Richard renewed his membership in the FTA and ordered bands, he enclosed the illustration, shown below, entitled "The Hunting Hawks of North America." He also enclosed the following note: "Sunday the 23 I flew my kit for 10:30 min. The interesting thing was the weather, rain in the morning and wind all day. You might call it a blow 20-30 m.p.h. with gusts at 40 up to 57 m.p.h. The birds came through in good shape. They raked all day. My Dad said they were blown away and had to fly back. I sure do like the Field crosses for bad weather flying. Something I have learned: if you don't fly your birds, you will never know what they can do."

The Hunting Hawks of North America



Identifying Hawks in Flight

FROM DALE E. PETERS

When Dale Peters (507-509 East Dowland Street, Ludington, MI 49431; telephone: 616-843-8017) paid his 1994 dues and ordered bands, he enclosed a note in which, in part, he reported: "Would like to get back into flying this year. I raise pure Macclesfields and they are such beautiful flyers!..."

FROM DON KIESER

When Don Kieser (221 S. Park Drive, Seymour, IN 47274; telephone: 812-522-2959) renewed his membership and ordered bands, he enclosed a note in which, in part, he reported; "...I enjoy the BULLETINS. I have cut down on my birds. Have about 150. I haven't been able to take care of all that I had. Had about 450. I still show at the National Young Bird Show and the Kentucky State Fair. Hope you all have a good fly season..."

FROM BOB RUGABER

On 12-20-1993, Bob Rugaber (Tioga Oak, 492 North Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001) wrote to SRP and reported: "...I've had a very good season and flew 35 young birds all fall, with only one loss. My Dominant Opals, Bronze, and Andalusian flyers keep right up with the other colors now. In fact in culling I'll have to eliminate some really nice ones. My very best pair (1991) of breeders will be going to my good friend Ralph Britt in January when I go the PA State Farm Show. I'll no doubt breed from 10 to 12 pairs in 1994 and fly everything. I enjoy my Tiplers so much on a day to day basis. For years I ran Homers down the road for training and I don't miss all of that work..." Bob also enclosed the article entitled "In Too Big a Hurry" that is given below.

IN TOO BIG A HURRY
By Bob Rugaber

In going over my year-end Tippler records, I discovered that a mid-summer decision that seemed so right at the time may not have been.

I bred from 11 pairs of birds in 1993 and raised about 50 youngsters. Most of these were settled and flown all summer in two kits averaging 15 to 20 birds each. In September, I gave seven to Sia Malenafri of Clifton, VA.

At the beginning of November, I still had 25 flyers in the air when I decided to confine them to the loft and let them complete their moult. During the week between Christmas and New Year's, I sorted these youngsters by sex, evaluated their quality and checked their parentage.

Only two pair of breeders had three youngsters make it through the final cull and three pairs produced two potential keepers. The other six pair of breeders contributed no more than one young bird each to the final pool of carry over.

Now to my mistake. During the breeding season, I lost very few young birds in the nest or through the weaning process. I took note, however, that one pair (#11) had three squeakers die in the nest. So I made the decision to eliminate both the cock and hen at the time that the breeders were separated. Much to my sur-

prise, the three young birds they didn't lose all flew the entire season, made the final quality cut, and are among my most beautiful of the 93 season. All three are Dominant Opal, expressed in different patterns.

I guess one could argue that they were removed for a good cause but I sure wish I could give pair #11 another chance to prove themselves in 94!

FROM RALPH BRITT

When Ralph Britt (95 South Blue Ribbon Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17112) renewed his membership for 1994 and ordered bands, he enclosed the following note to Walter Wiechec: "...Sorry I didn't know some of you were at the Grand National in Lancaster. I spent Saturday AM looking over the birds, mostly in the building with the Tiplers. This morning, 12-09-1993, I thought I could take a chance on the hawks and liberate some birds. About that time I heard the Brassy Back Old English Game bantams sounding the alarm. I looked around and there sat a Cooper's Hawk on the fly pen, not over 50 feet away. Better stick with my schedule from last year and keep the Tiplers in until April 1st. By then the Cooper's hawks have gone north..."

On 12-14-1994, Ralph sent a note to SRP in which he reported, in part, the following: "...My good friend Bob Rugaber brought me his best pair of Tippler breeders last month. He has their blood lines fairly well incorporated in his flock and decided to share them with me. How's that for friendship?..."

Note from SRP: Bob Rugaber's clear thinking and generosity should serve as a model for all of us. Share your best birds with others. In the long run, everyone benefits: the person who shares the best, the person who has the best made available to him, the hobby as a whole.

WANTED

FTA member Chris Richardson (telephone: 410-875-0732) wants to buy pairs or young Tiplers (Lovatts or crosses).

CAN ANYONE HELP?

FTA member Herb Keay has apparently moved and has not informed the FTA of his new address. His copy of the 12-26-93 BULLETIN was returned to SRP, marked "not here." His former address: 15 Wingrove Hill, Islington, Ontario, CANADA M9B-2C6. Does anyone have Herb Keay's new address?

THANK YOU

Your kind words of appreciation are much appreciated.

From Hamid Ahmadi: "... I personally appreciate your (Walter Wiechec) hard work for the club and I hope others do realize the effort you and the others are putting in to keep the club and the tippler fancy alive..."

From Ed Young: "... Thank you (Walter Wiechec, S. Robert Powell) for your service to the FTA..." Ed's phone number is: 215-884-3371.

From Richard Kehrer: "... The FTA is looking good and Jerry O'Rourke is really doing good as Central Timer..." Richard also added: "...I wish there was winter flying in the FTA. Dec. 3 my birds flew 10:31 and I will fly them all winter. I put my birds up at 12 noon today and I put up my droppers at 4:30 P.M. and turned on the lights. The birds wouldn't come in, with a west wind. They were flying to the lights so I had to turn off the lights at 5:07 P.M. They came in. It was really dark by then and it was raining from 4:00 P.M. on. I got a little wet. Boy do I like flying tipplers! "

WANTED

Richard A. Mayers (Andrews Plantation, St. Joseph, Barbados, West Indies) would like to buy some Lovatts. He currently has some, but needs new blood. Birds of any color are OK. He initially contacted Walter Wiechec, who does not have any Lovatts. Can anyone help Richard Mayers?

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FROM STAN OGOZALEK

"... I've just mated 8 pairs of the Gordon Hughes type of Tipplers, most of which have flown well for me in the past. I'm hoping to fly a kit of young Tipplers this year as well as the old birds. We'll see what they do for me..."

FROM TIM KVIDERA

"... Put my Tipplers together last weekend (Feb. 12/13). About half of them are to the point of knowing to whom they are to be mated and where their nest boxes are located. Should have some down on eggs in a week or so. Am going with nine pairs of my family which include a couple pair each of almonds and andalusians which go back to birds from Murray Gaskins. Also am breeding from my typical four pair of Hughes and three pair of Carnews. There are also two pair of dominant opals that also go back to birds from Murray. Have kept four or five cocks over that will hopefully become an old bird kit if I can settle and not spoil them..."

FROM GORDON HAMILTON

"... Have not had had birds out since September as a hawk had taken three including the old hen from Rotschi. She turned out to be a good flyer, though prone to wander off and fly on her own at times. I also flew three sons off her along with a Bart cock (hawk took him too) over 15 hours this year.... Even with the mask, my allergies bother me if I spend much time in the coop, so I can not spend as much time with the birds as I would like."

(In a note to Walter Wiechec, December 29, 1993)

ELECTION OF FTA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Now is the time to start thinking about possible nominees for all FTA officers and directors for 1995-1996. Ballots will be mailed out with the the BULLETIN that is mailed out at the end of 1994. If you are interested in serving, don't be afraid to speak up.

FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA BULLETIN



August 20, 1994

S. Robert Powell, Secretary

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Here, at long last, is the Summer issue of the FTA BULLETIN. Like many others, I am a victim of unofficial "equal opportunity" quota requirements in the workplace and the very troubled economic conditions in America at the present time. For years, I had a good job. Then one day, almost without warning, I was out of a job. Now, with four college degrees to my name, I am trying (but not succeeding very well) to keep body and soul together by working a minimum wage job, which is the only work available in northeastern Pennsylvania. All I do is work. I have no time, which is why this BULLETIN is so late. But, enough of my personal woes.

Jerry O'Rourke's reports on the Spring and Summer FTA flys make up the bulk of this issue. My thanks to Jerry for the camera-ready copy. The fly schedule for the Fall is as follows:

Fall Series I: Sept. 17/18
Fall Series II: Oct. 1/2
Fall Series III: Oct. 15/16
Fall Series IV (Stock Fly):
Oct. 29/30

To participate in those flys, contact the Central Timer: Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Road, Norwood, MA 02062. Phone: 617-769-5891. Let's all do our best to participate in the Fall flys.

It's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming election of officers and directors for 1995-1996. If you are interested in having your name on the ballot, make sure that one of the current officers knows that you are interested in running for office.

SRP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following persons as members of North America's oldest and best Flying Tippler club, THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA:

1. JOHN J. KLEIS, JR. (448 Sand Hill Road, Gardiner, NY 12525).
2. CHET KAPA (3805 Hunt Road, Mayville, MI 48744). When Chet became a member, he enclosed the following note to Walter Wiechec: "...I have flown the Tipplers since 1939, except for the service time of 3 yrs. WW II. I used to fly the old time prints and chucks in color. But I was cleaned out in 1968. Someone wanted them worse than I did. I tried the Hunt Tipplers from Canada but had no luck with them. They were up and down flyers, not the old cloud busters I know. Finally, in 1984, I bought 3 pairs of the Bela Kiss High Flying Budapest and they do the job real well. But I had a chance to get some Tipplers. These are the Macclesfields, in the Black Mottle and Blue Grizzles. Beautiful birds. What a flying wing they have. These were given to this flyer over 20 years ago with the promise he would keep them straight. I can't remember the old fellow's name, at that time he was crowding 75 yrs. old. He had brought them here from England.... I also fly the Brimingham Rollers. These are from a Joe Stayer of Olean, New York. I have had these since 1972. I'm so surprised at not being able to find a good flying and performing bird. Sure have bought a lot of junk in my time, especially the Tipplers. Oh well, that's life...I also fly Racing Homers. I won the Michigan State 500-mile race in 1989. That old time Bekaert strain is hard to beat."

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3. SAMUEL J. VULGAMORE (1131 Lake Avenue, Aurora, OH 44202). Samuel was encouraged to become a member of the FTA by his friend, Al Lukez, who has been a member of the FTA for many years.

4. LT. COL. FRED C. SMITH (17 Harris Road, Benson Town, Bangalore 560046 INDIA).

From Carl Schwartz (03-11-1994) to the FTA Treasurer, Walter Wiechec:

"I enjoy reading the FTA BULLETIN, especially the last issue, 03-07-94. I have been associated with the FTA for little over a year and know very little of the 'art' of flying Tipplers. I have not found any books discussing the training

and flying of Tipplers. This past issue was a God-send--now I have some insight as to what's going on, but oh so very little. Information on Tipplers is not as readily available as it is on Homers and even Rollers for that matter.

I've been flying Homers and Rollers since high school and have acquired an interest in the performing Tippler, but I know nothing of strains nor sources of proven stock that I may acquire.

I'm a veterinarian by profession and an active member of the Association of Pigeon Veterinarians. I often assist fanciers with unhealthy flock problems and am willing to do the same for any FTA members that have such a need. (signed) Carl Schwartz, phone 812-372-4340."

From SMAIL BASIC, 03-23-1994:

ALL OPEN FLY?

I would like to see the proposed 1994 FTA schedule as the 1994 FTA "All Open Fly" where FTA members could without any penalty enter any fly with young or old birds. The competition will have to be in two categories, young birds in one and old birds in the other. The category in which the member decides to fly is the one he will be competing against. The way it is now bothers me because if a young birds flyer wants to enter the long day fly, he is forced to compete against old birds flyers. It is discouraging and should be changed. Competing in one's own category would be fair. The "All Open Fly" would be beneficiary to our club and the members because it would increase competition in our sport. Had we had the "All Open Fly", Al Lukez' time of 17:07 would have been recognized as the second best flying time in the old birds' category. It is a pity that he did not get the recognition he deserved. I cannot emphasize enough that young birds and old birds are not the same. They should be treated differently. This is why when making the list of the 20 best flying times in FTA's history, two lists should be made (one list for the best young birds flying time and one list for the best old birds flying time). It brakes my heart to see G. Chater's time of 16:02 in the 14th place on the list for the Summer III 1985 Continental young birds record. The young birds record should be on the top of the list in it's own category-the young birds category. Shall we all participate in the "All Open Fly"?

Yours in the sport,

Jimil Bone

Smail Basic

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AN UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

BY: Richard Kehrer
7810 Mallard Way
Anderson, CA. 96007

This is a story about my first kit of good Lovatt Tipplers. I was flying a kit of five young birds and had an overfly. I only got two birds back the next day.

I kept on flying the two birds thinking I better learn how to fly even with only two birds. On morning I went outside and there was one of the young birds I had lost, a Blue Grizzle hen. I went inside and looked in my records and it was three weeks to the day I had lost her.

I decided to fly this Blue Grizzle hen with the other two; she caught right up with them and was flying 6 to 8 hours a fly. I thought I would see what they would do. I put them through a feedup and let them have a go at it. At ten hours, I couldn't believe it; at eleven hours there was rain coming so up went the Droppers. They didn't come down for 30 minutes. The interesting thing about it was that it was only three weeks to the day I got the Blue Grizzle hen back. I was hooked on Tipplers.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Our thanks to Harry Smith (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada) for supplying us with the correct mailing address of Herb Keay (Islington, Ontario, Canada).

The March 7, 1994 issue of the FTA BULLETIN that was mailed to Edward C. Lodge (331 Netherland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10303) was returned to the FTA by the U.S. Postal Service. Does anyone have the current address of Edward C. Lodge?

TIPPLERS IN THE APJ

The October 1992 issue of the American Pigeon Journal contains a very nice article by FTA member, Howard Kogan, about Flying Tipplers. The article, "As I See It," is on pages 34-35.

The March/April 1993 issue of the APJ contains an article by FTA member, David Fuller, entitled "Flying Tippler Society of USA." The article, on pages 18-19, was written by David Fuller in his capacity as Central Timer of the FTS.

A BRIEF HISTORY & TRAINING LESSON ON FLYING TIPPLERS BY: JACK PRESCOTT

THE FLYING TIPPLER

Basically and originally these pigeons came from Northern India (which is now known as Pakistan). A couple of hundred years ago many forms of live birds started to arrive into Europe and particularly into England from what is known as the East, including the general area of India. Pigeons had obviously had a very wide and unbelievable dedication in these Eastern countries.

They were not in the hands of the poor people. The cultivation of pigeons was in the hands of the fabulously rich people, who had virtual power of life or death over the general population. For centuries a dedicated interest in the cultivation of many kinds of pigeons prevailed among the high ranking ruling classes of India, Persia, Turkey, Afghanistan and more than likely extending into China.

Considering the fact that all domestic breeds of pigeons stem from the Rock Dove (C. Livia) of which there are several geographically different "races," then I have to admire the work of the early cultivators who somehow created such a vast number of domestic breeds from the original wild specimens. I cannot overstate my respect and admiration for these early pigeon cultivators. At least the pigeons that came to England from these Eastern countries were ready made and caused a great deal of interest. In those days, of course, a great many ships came to England from the East. Soldiers, business people and government people could easily pack any kind of animal or bird into a crate. There were no restrictions. Therefore, so it was, that pigeons arrived in great num-

bers from the East.

It was soon realized certain pigeons, from the East, were most spectacular. Their high flying, time flying and tumbling was of great interest. They quickly got into the hands of dedicated working class people, who very soon adopted them as their own. Dealing with the high flying types, two aspects became very soon established. 1) The high flying and time flying factor. 2) The high flying combined with the tumbling factor. For a long time the two factors were inseparable, but the "time factor" became of vast interest and this meant selection against the tumbling factor. However, the tumbling action in these early "time selected types" was not easily discouraged.

In fact, the word TIPPLER means tumbler in some of the Midland dialects of England. In Sheffield, which was at the heart of early Tippler cultivation, the word tippler definitely means to fall or tumble. However, in most other regions of England, the word tittle is never used to describe a tumble or a fall. Anyhow, this is how the Tippler got its name and no doubt the early Tipplers were seen to tumble.

Inevitable the time flying aspect of interest and tumbling aspect of interest had to separate. The final result being 1) The Tippler which nowadays does not tumble at all. 2) The flying Tumbler and the Roller, which is selected for ability to tumble or roll, but basically these pigeons have the same origin.

This takes care of the name. I will now deal with the ornithological aspect of Tipplers.

To the novice: If he accepts specimens of a good flying strain, from a successful Tippler fancier and he follows instructions strictly to the letter, then such a novice will get good results in all but geographically hopeless places.

Basically and in theory, a kit of 3 to 5 is selected and trained. The theory being that such pigeons will fly until "droppers" are fluttered on the loft top. Then ideally, the kit is supposed to realize that permission to drop is given and drop with little delay. Also ideally, is the kit that is too well trained or too nervous to drop without the appearance of the droppers (usually a few white or 1/2 white pigeons specially kept for that job). In extremes, the kit can be flown into darkness before some form of loft top lights combined with droppers gives clearance for the kit to drop. It seems that the fluttering action of droppers is what entices the kit to drop. These ideals, however, have failures. 1) Sometimes the kit will not respond to droppers due to being too nervous, too full of energy, too stupid or not correctly trained.

The prevailing method is to produce about ten young Tipplers and from the age of three weeks old start to put them out on the loft top for initial loft training. Before they are able to fly, such young ones are trained to be familiar with the loft surroundings and are in fact basically loft trained. At the same time such youngsters are also trained to be at ease in the company of a few "droppers." Droppers usually being white or mostly white pigeons that are of limited flying ability.

The best droppers will fly a few laps around the loft area and then drop with confidence on the loft top and nowhere else but the loft top. Such droppers will tolerate being "buzzed" from the loft top to fly their few laps time and time again, but they will only

drop on the loft. Such droppers are of great importance. Such droppers were used by the stray pigeon catchers during the 1930's. It is a definite fact that a very tired, hungry, thirsty, lost and/or very nervous pigeon will respond to any group of pigeons that displays confidence in the way that they circle and drop to any given area.

The operating of a few droppers is a work of art. They must be of correct temperament and hungry enough to want to scramble for a few grains of seed. Therefore the gregarious nature of all young pigeons is exploited. In the initial stages of flying, the young Tipplers can be held in check by such droppers. Therefore, between the age of 3 and 7 weeks old the aim is to loft train the young Tipplers and prevent them from flying by the intense use of these very valuable droppers.

The last thing I ever wanted to see, was my own young Tipplers up to 1,000 feet plus and training out of sight of my loft at 7 weeks old or less. In fact my own statistics indicate that up to 13 weeks old, pigeons are extremely vulnerable and most likely to get themselves lost. During this crucial period, dropper trained Tipplers are at a severe disadvantage for the very simple reason that they will respond to any fluttering pigeons if they become the least bit disorientated, tired or generally upset. The number of very well beard Tipplers lost between 7 and 13 weeks old is unbelievable.

During 1955 to 1960, I used the following system. I trained several old hen Tipplers to fly every day. This obviously cut their time and excessive range right down. These hens would do a couple of hours, never ranging too far and always they were allowed to drop with confidence when ever they were ready.

Now these hens were my schoolteachers. At 7 weeks old, I would encourage my young Tipplers to join up with these hens, just for a few minutes before the hens looked like dropping. Gradually, I would increase the time and finally would put out all of the schoolteachers hens, plus all of my young Tipplers to fly as a kit. I knew that the time and range and height would not be too excessive. Of course, I'd put up the droppers as a mere formality, just as the hens and young were "looking," ready to drop. This I would do until the young ones were 13 weeks old, then I'd fly the young ones without their teachers. My losses were very few indeed. Subsequent flying results were excellent. High flying, range and style were not affected by this initial control.

In passing, I will also mention that I could fly "something" all the year round, if only for my own pleasure. These schoolteachers or my adult Tipplers that were not intended for the marathon selective long time attempts could be flown for pleasure all the year round.

I did learn that strict dropper training will cause trouble with regular flying. The reason for this is that dropper training also creates a fear of dropping to the loft top unless droppers are present. After a while, such regularly flown Tipplers always drop elsewhere, mostly out of sight of their loft. That is why regulars, **MUST ALWAYS** be allowed to drop whenever they wish to drop. I'd even encourage them to drop, no matter how little time they flew. In conducive weather such Tipplers would always give a couple of hours of excellent high flying. In these cases I did not want more.

"signed," Jack Prescott

IMPORTANT POSTSCRIPT

My young Tipplers were placed in the same loft as my schoolteachers as soon as they look able to pick up their feed efficiently. From 3 weeks of age, my youngsters were trained to be very familiar with the hens. The youngsters had watched the hens during exercise, they had seen the hens drop, they had scrambled into the loft along with the hens, they had fed and perched up along side the hens. The loft was a 5 foot cube with about 20 inverted Vee perches. When the youngsters were 13 weeks old the schoolteachers were lofted separately and the youngsters were then flown as a young kit in a conventional manner and trained strictly to the droppers and into the late dusk of evening. I never gave them longer than 7 hours flying (the final 7 hours of daylight per fly). Then on the selected marathon fly day, I would throw them up at dawn. On this system, I had very few culs, hardly any losses and highly satisfactory times, plus good style.

From Bob Rugaber (05-18-1994):

"Have round #1 in the air and they are flying pretty well. A much larger group of youngsters just coming out of the nests. They'll be kit #2.

Murray Gaskins just sent me 11 birds (mostly cocks) from his really high flyers to blend into my line. Hope to mix in my colors and get some out of sight flyers from the cross...."

From Jerry O'Rourke:

1994

FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series I - April 23/24

OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

H. Keay
(7;20) OTU93-137, 111, 131 and 138. Four cocks released at 600AM.
One bird down without Dropper at 120PM and rest all down
at 145PM with last bird in trap at 148PM. Witness: H. Smith.
WEATHER:
Started cloudy then clear. Fair west winds. Mild.
COMMENTS:
None.

H. Smith
(DISQ.) OYU92-182. OTU93-132, 109, 103 and 114. Five cocks
released at 555AM. Disqualified because one bird failed to
kit at start and returned to loft. (Rule 12) Witnessed by
H. Keay.
WEATHER:
No weather report given.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
One bird failed to kit at the start. In a panic it hit
the coop after a few minutes. Trapped the bird and let the
four go. They flew a solid 12½ hours then a Dropper thrown
as one bird looked bad.

O. Zovich - FTA93 - 154, 167, 174, 175, 172, 159 and 451.
(DISQ) All cocks released at 550AM. Tumbler droppers
out at 750PM. Birds down at 815PM.
Disqualified because one bird dropped out of
bounds due to gale force winds, and heavy rain.
(Rule 17) Timed by F. Mirzoagha and witnessed
by E. Colosimo
WEATHER:
No weather report given.

HONOR SYSTEM

J. O'Rourke FTA93- 945, 913 and 916. Three cocks released at 622AM.
(9;54) Three Droppers out at 416PM with two birds down at 418PM
and third bird down at 422PM. Last bird in trap at 427PM.
WEATHER:
Clear skies. 35-63 Degrees. Barometer 29.93. Winds from
SW at 18 MPH. Humidity at 20%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Beautiful day for flying. Birds up in the thermals almost
all day. My best competitive fly in some time. Believe I
pulled them down too soon because they were flying low over
the loft. They had been doing 12-13 hours in practice.

J. Russo
(8:03)

ATU93-4, 19 and 24. Three hens released at 655AM and all three came down at 2:58PM with last bird in trap at 305PM.

WEATHER:

No cloud cover. 47-63 Degrees. Barometer at 30.16. Winds 10-15 MPH SW and Humidity at 42%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

None.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Russo is a new member of the FTA. His birds were witnessed by two members of the ATU and he listed it as an Official Fly. As the fly was not witnessed by an FTA member and the ATU if not affiliated with the FTA, I listed this fly as an Honor System fly.

G. Hulst
(DISQ.)

FTA93-1066, 1061 and IPB93-923. Three cocks released at 620AM and all birds down at 732PM without Droppers.

Disqualified because one bird landed on Loft after 4:30 hours and sat for 10 seconds then rejoined the kit.

(Rule 12)

WEATHER:

Skies clear. 32-70 Degrees. Barometer steady at 29.7 Winds 0-15 MPH from SW. Humidity low.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew poorly in AM. No wind. Bird hit roof at 10:40AM. Why? Wind picked up around Noon then kit flew very nice. Will try in two weeks again.

A. Fuller
(DISQ.)

FTA93-2514, 2515 and 2516. Two cocks and a hen released at 557AM. Disqualified because one bird touched down early. Rule 12. Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and Dave Fuller.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 67-84 Degrees. Barometer 29.9. Winds from SE at 10-15 MPH. Humidity at 82%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

#2514 was attacked and injured by a Hawk on Wednesday (4/20) and its wound was obviously causing it trouble in flight. He tried hard but couldn't compete.

R. Kehrer
(DISQ.)

FTA93-953 and 954. FTS93-70 and 72. Four cocks released 534AM with Droppers put out at 820PM. One bird down at 835PM and one at 1053PM. Two came back at 645AM next AM. Disqualified because birds did not trap within hour after Droppers put out.

WEATHER:

Very windy 0-50 MPH gusts from South. 40-58 Degrees. Rain in AM and later in day.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds in great shape even after fly. Winds kept them up too strong into night.

S. Ogozalek
(DISQ.)

FTA93-2228, 2234, 2235, 2242, 2254 and 2265. All hens released at 540AM with Droppers out at 340PM. One bird came to loft roof at 335PM - others failed to drop and continued flying until 715PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, Winds 5-10 MPH from NW, temperature 45-65 Degrees.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

All were flying "in style" until one hen decided she had enough and came down. Others then began to climb and rake-beautiful flying, but unfortunately, a disqualification.

Spring Series II - May 7/8

OLD BIRDSOFFICIAL SYSTEM

- O. Zovich - FTA93 - 153,155,179,181,188,402 and 409. All hens released
(15:26) at 532AM and Lights and Droppers out at 858PM. All birds down at same time of 859PM with last bird in trap at 905PM.

WEATHER:

Rain to start, clear after 1030AM. 50-69 Degrees. Barometer at 30.5. Winds from NW at 0-15 MPH. Humidity 100%-50%. Timed by S. Basic from start to 530PM and then timed from 530PM to end by F. Mirzoagha. Other witnesses were Nick Rukavina, Luke Kapac and Elvis Zovic.

TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Considering for the first five hours it was raining, though from then on it was a good flying day, the birds performed well.

- L. Kapac - FTA93- 1127,1131 and 1150. Cock, cock and hen released at
(14:26) 540AM. Birds dropped on their own at 806PM on neighbor's roof, within bounds, then I put out Droppers and Lights and birds returned to loft at 831PM, 837PM and 855PM with last bird in trap at 855PM. Witnessed by Nick Rukavina.

WEATHER:

Sun and clouds in AM, clouds in PM, very little wind maybe 5MPH from NE, 50-60 Degrees. Humidity was 80-90%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds were raking great in the 14th hour, then without warning they dropped on the neighbor's roof. I didn't have a chance to react, it happened so quick. Managed to get them all down eventually, but it was close. I still don't know why.

- H. Smith - OTU92-182. OTU93-114 and 103. Three cocks released at 533AM
(12:47) One bird pulled and fans then thrown at 620PM and birds came down together immediately. Last bird in trap at 622PM.

WEATHER:

Mostly cloudy. 32-50, Winds calm.

Witnessed by H. Keay.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew very high all day. When they lowered one bird died.

H. Keay
(11:40) - OTU93-111, 131, 137 and 138. All cocks released at 535AM. One bird pulled and fans thrown at 515PM and bird down all-together at that time. Last bird in trap at 518PM. Witnessed by H. J. Smith.
WEATHER:
Drizzle, Cloudy in AM, Sunny in PM with good breeze.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
None.

HONOR SYSTEM

H. Ahmadi
(15:32) - FTA92-840, FTS92-3022, FTS93-2183. Three cocks released at 604AM. Lights and Droppers at 936PM. All birds down together at 938PM with last bird in trap at 947PM. Witnessed by Frank Semsar.

WEATHER:
Cloudy, 66-79 Degrees, Winds from SW at 10-15 MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

These three cocks are well trained to dark and flown all winter in FTS winter series, then rested and brought back for Spring. I also have a kit of hens that did 15:06 two weeks ago in FTS. I wish we would do something about the releasing rule between FTA and FTS. FTS, you can release one hour earlier than Sunrise and FTA ½ hour.

R. Kehrer
(15:01) - FTA93-953, FTS93-70 and 72. Three cocks released at 530AM. Lights and Droppers out 831PM and all birds down together at 843PM with last bird in trap at 848PM.

WEATHER:
51-83 Degrees. Barometer at 29.88. Winds L&V, mostly South Humidity 89%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Only with a South wind did I have a chance at this fly. It was hotter than the birds liked. The birds didn't act good during the feedup, 72 just didn't respond to the feedup like last time. I don't think he would leave the kit unless he died in mid-air. He was in bad shape when he came in, but 953 and 70 were still in good shape. I am as happy as I was last time, but this time I didn't get DQed. Next week I am going to Alaska for 3-4 months so this is my last fly for the year. I wish you all a great year of flying.

S. Ogozalek -
(12:34) FTA93-2228, 2234, 2242 and 2254. All hens released at 523AM White Droppers out at 557PM. Three birds down at 558PM and fourth down at 605PM. Last bird in trap at 608PM.

WEATHER:
Clear then rain. 45-65 DEgrees. Winds 0-10MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Kit flew good until late afternoon when rain started. Kit flew low and decided they'd had enough. Seeing this, I released my white droppers.

J. O'Rourke -
(10:41) FTA93-913, 916 and 945. Three cocks released at 602AM. Three down together at 443PM with last bird in trap at 448PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, sunny. 48-74 Degrees. Barometer 29.99S, WSW winds at 7MPH and Humidity at 57%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew very high all day and raked well. A little warm here in NEW England for this time of year and bird came down sooner than I had hoped they would. They are getting better with each fly.

G. Hulst
(6:38)

- FTA93-1066, 1061 and IPB93-923. Three cocks released at 612AM. Thief Pouter droppers out at 12:50PM. First bird down at 12:50PM and other two down at 100PM. Last bird in trap at 115PM.

WEATHER:

Heavy cloud cover. 50 Degrees. 30.1 Barometer. Light winds from NE. Humidity high, rainy.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds were ready, but weather did not cooperate. Started raining at 8AM, never stopped. The birds gave it their best. I should have waited until Sunday.

A. Fuller
(5:51)

- FTA92-2060. FTA93-654 and FTS93-788. Three hens released at 635AM and all three down at 12:26PM with last bird in trap at 12:42PM. Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and David Fuller.

WEATHER:

Mostly cloudy. 73-89 Degrees. Barometer 29.9. SW winds at 5-10 KTS, Humidity 75%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

With the heat and humidity, the kit was quite "used-up" when they returned. We'll rejoin the competition in the Fall.

J. Russo
(3:33)

- ATU93-18, 24 and 250. C, H. H, released at 655AM with first bird down at 10:28AM and other two down at 10:29AM. Last bird in trap at 11:05AM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy, 50-60 Degrees. Barometer 30.05. Winds from NW at 8 MPH. Humidity at 80%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Picked wrong three birds today. Two had given me an overfly last week so I gave them a chance today. I guess they are still tired.

No other entrants.

Spring Series III - May 21/22

OLD BIRDSOFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants

HONOR SYSTEM

- G. Hulst - FTA93-1066, 1061 and IPB93-923. All cocks released at 544AM.
(835) Droppers out at 219PM and all down together at 219PM with last bird in trap at 247PM.
WEATHER:
Clear, 55-80 Degrees. Barometer at 30.4. Winds 0-5 from South. Humidity at 40%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Nice day but noy for flying. Not enough wind.
- S. Ogozalek - FTA93-2254, 2242, 2228 and 2234. All hens released at 504AM
(701) White Droppers at 1205PM and all down together at 1206PM with last bird in trap at 1220PM.
WEATHER:
Clear sky, 48-80 Degrees. NO wind.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
No wind to speak of, heat forced them down.
- J. Russo - ATU93-4, 10, 21, 24 and 27. All hens released at 651AM.
(510) All down together at 1201PM. Droppers were released at 1230PM to settle birds on coop with last bird in trap at 1255PM.
WEATHER:
Clear, 46-76 Degrees. Barometer at 30.03. Winds from NE at 9 MPH and Humidity at 44%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
May have been too warm - no wind.
- J. O'Rourke - FTA93-913, 916 and 945. Three cocks released at 646AM.
(DISQ.) One bird dropped out at 1006AM and I just let others continue flying. Disqualified because birds not trapped within hour.
WEATHER:
Sunny, very warm. 60-82 Degrees. Barometer 30.06. Winds from SE at 16 MPH and Humidity at 67%.
FLYERS COMMENT'S:
916 dropped down as the AM started getting warm. I let the other two fly for another few hours before calling them down.

No other entrants.

From Jerry O'Rourke:

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series I - June 4/5

YOUNG BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

- H. Kogan - FTA1994-965,975,970, 971,967,961 and 963.
(5:15) Mixed sexes released 618AM and birds down between 11:33AM and 11:37AM with last bird in trap at 11:38AM.
WEATHER:
AT 615AM partly cloudy, wind calm, 50 DEgrees and Barometer at 30.35, Humidity at 83%. Temperature went up to 80 Degrees by 11:00AM and wind increased to 10 MPH. Witnessed by Elizabeth Kogan.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Nice day for flying until it got too hot.

- T. Kvidera - Report received from Tim with comments as follows:
"No kit, No start, went fishing. Put kit over Wednesday in last training flight and lost them. Have not settled second round yet so need to hurry if I am going to fly at all this Summer.

No other entrants.

Summer Series II - June 18/19

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

- H. Kogan - FTA94-975, 971, 967, 961 and 963. Two cocks, three hens released at 537AM and all landed as a group at 902AM with last bird in trap at 906AM.
(03:25)

WEATHER:

Hot, hazy, humid, very still air. Barometer 30.01 steady, 62-84 Degrees, very humid.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

A very short Long Day.

- J. Russo - ATU94-4, 9 and 12. C,H, and C released at 609AM and first bird
(01:46) down at 755AM and 2nd and 3rd birds down at 759AM with last bird in trap at 815AM.

WEATHER:

Heavy fog, 88-92 Degrees. Barometer 30.10, SW winds at 9MPH and Humidity 71%.

Witnessed by Clarence Williams.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Released birds in heavy fog. After an hour, birds were flying just above house. After landing, I checked birds and they were soaked.

- L. Kapac - FTA93-1127, 1131 and 1150. C,C and H released at 507AM with
(DSQ) Droppers out at 921AM and birds down sometime after 1100AM with last bird in trap at 1130AM.

Disqualified because birds failed to trap within hour.

WEATHER:

Hot, humid, very sunny. No wind. Over 90 Degrees.

Witnessed by Nick Rukavina.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

WE have had a heatwave for the past week along with high humidity. The birds were ready, but the weather was not. The feedup didn't go as planned either; the birds didn't eat much. I will try to fly this kit one more time once the weather changes

- J. O'Rourke - FTA93-913, 916 and 945. Three cocks released at 541AM and first
(DSQ) bird came down at 1015AM. Droppers out at 1016AM and 2nd bird down at 1019AM. Third bird landed on loft at 1026AM, but then flew to large pine tree behind Loft and cooled off for awhile before trapping at 1136AM.

Disqualified because birds did not trap within hour.

WEATHER:

Hot, hot, hot. 94 Degrees. SSW winds. Humidity 69%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Record breaking hot day. Birds did their best under such adverse conditions.

Summer Series III - July 3/4
Young Birds Only

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

- S. Basic - FTA94-251, 259 and 269. Sex uncertain released at 511AM
(12:46) Droppers out 557PM. All birds down together at 557PM and last bird in trap at 558PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, 50-70 Degrees. Barometer 102.4. Winds from East at 10KM and Humidity at 50%.

Witnessed by Elvis Zovich.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

None.

HONOR SYSTEM

T. Kvidera - FTA94-420, 427 and 439. Three cocks released at 501AM.
(11:18) White Russian Tumbler Droppers out at 419PM. 439 and 427 down together at 421PM and 420 down at 422PM with last bird in trap at 424PM.

WEATHER:

Clear. 42-76 DEgrees, Barometer 30.04. Winds calm at first then 10-15MPH from SE. Humidity 95-40%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I am thoroughly pleased with the effort these birds turned in. They were not flown as a kit until a week ago and had not been out since Monday due to my being out of town on business. Would have been nice to have had a couple of more weeks to work with them before the fly.

H. Kogan
(02:45)

FTA94-975,971,967,961 and 963. Two cocks, three hens released at 549AM and all birds came down together at 834AM with last bird in trap at 848AM.

WEATHER:

Humid, Barometer 30.10. Temperature 60-72 Degrees. Winds from NW at 5-8 MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds have not been flying well since heatwave a few weeks ago. Let's hope for a better Fall. I've enclosed a Wind Scale that flyers might find useful.

No other entrants.

Addition to March 7, 1994 Bulletin:

In a GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS Report by new member, Tom Toscano, he mentioned that he had lost 50 pigeons in one day to Hawks and that he had a serious Hawk problem. I was stunned by this fact and I wrote Tom and asked him how he could lose so many birds in one day to Hawks. His reply was as follows:

"It is easy to lose 50 birds in a day when you have Hawks and Bald Eagles in the Mongaup Valley areas breeding grounds and they are protected by State laws. The day I lost 50 birds the clouds were loaded with both Hawks and Bald Eagles. There were a blanket of them. I consider myself lucky getting back 48-50 out of 100, being the Mongaup Valley area is a breeding ground for the Bald Eagle."

Tom also stated that during the winter months when he and his wife live in Manhattan that he is quite fortunate that they have a neighbor who has chickens and ducks and they allow him to put his pigeons in with their chickens for the winter. Tom lives in Manhattan during the winter and summers in the Mongaup Valley area, N.Y.

From JERRY O'ROURKE:

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TABLE 4. CHARACTERISTICS AND EFFECTS OF VARYING WIND SPEEDS

Wind Speed (mph)	Wind Force (Beaufort Scale)	Wind Description	Wind Effects :
			On Land
< 1	0	calm	Smoke rises vertically
1-3	1	light	Wind direction can be ascertained only by smoke drift
4-7	2	light breeze	Wind felt on face; leaves rustle
8-12	3	gentle (breeze)	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion; wind extends small, light flags
13-18	4	moderate (breeze)	Raises dust and loose paper; small branches move
19-24	5	fresh (breeze)	Small, leafy trees begin to sway; crested wavelets form on inland waters
25-31	6	strong (breeze)	Large branches sway freely; wires whistle; umbrellas used with difficulty
32-38	7	high wind	Entire trees in motion; some difficulty walking into wind
39-46	8	gale	Twigs break off trees; much difficulty walking
47-54	9	strong gale	Slight structural damage as shingles may be blown loose

FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA BULLETIN



November 25, 1994

S. Robert Powell, Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all the members of the club who have participated in FTA activities this past couple years. It is members who like you who make the organization what it is. The elected officers are there to serve the membership. We have been blessed with a number of willing and able workers that I feel deserve special recognition. Wally Wiechec has kept the treasury books in good shape. S. Robert Powell has continued to publish informative and well done BULLETINS and handle the Secretary's duties. Jerry O'Rourke has done another fantastic, enthusiastic job as our Central Timer. All the participants in our flying contests have done their bit to show all that our birds are meant to be endurance flying athletes. Thanks also to David Fuller who has been published with interesting articles on Tipplers and has mentioned the FTA.

My sincere apologies to you all for my lack of active involvement this past term. I have had plenty of good intentions, but have failed to give the priority that the club deserves to acting on those intentions. There are numerous issues that require attention and resolution--fly schedules, constitutional amendments, fly rule changes, dues and financial considerations, etc. I have carried the makings of the Executive Board Officers' Communication in my briefcase for 8 months and have yet to make the time to tie it all together and publish. You deserve better effort than that.

If there is anyone out there willing to pick up the slack I have left, they will get my support. Should you decide that I am the one to be president, I will make the commitment to increase my level of adminis-

trative activity. But realize that there will continue to be competition for my time and energies from family, work and birds, which are often given higher priority.

As we have mentioned in past BULLETINS, this is the year of our FTA elections of officers. We need the input of the membership as to whom it wants to serve the organization in elected office. Please submit your nominations as noted elsewhere in this BULLETIN. Try to assure that your nominees are willing to serve should they be elected.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season. May your birds winter over well and produce and/or fly successfully in the spring.

Tim Kvidera

What Is the Reason?

There are over 130 members in the FTA at present, and yet very few members fly their birds in the FTA competition flies. Why is that? Is it because present-day birds are not as good as the birds were "in the old days?" Certainly not. Is it because we are not flying our birds regularly? Certainly not. Is it because we as breeders and flyers of Tipplers are less enthusiastic about our birds than Tippler flyers used to be? Certainly not. Is it because it is too difficult to fly by the rules? Certainly not. Is it because our nearest Tippler neighbor is sometimes 100-150 miles away? Maybe that's part of the reason. Is it because most of us are so busy with the rest of our lives (jobs, families, etc.) that we can't prepare our birds for the flies and then participate in the flies? Maybe that's part of the reason. What do you think?

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THE ENCLOSED NOMINATION FORM

The two-year terms of all the current FTA Officers and Directors will expire on December 31, 1994. Nominations, therefore, are now open for all Officers and Directors of the Flying Tippler Association of America for 1995-1996. A nomination form is enclosed. If you would like to make some nominations, fill out the enclosed nomination form and return it to the Secretary (address on the form) before December 16th.

When all nominations are in, I will contact all nominees to make sure that they are interested in serving and will serve if elected. An FTA BULLETIN, containing a 1995-1996 FTA Ballot, will be mailed out on December 27, 1994. All ballots should be returned to the Secretary before January 10th. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

The results of the election will be announced in the first BULLETIN published in 1995.

1995 DUES ARE NOW DUE

Membership dues in the Flying Tippler Association of America for 1995 are due at the beginning of the calendar year. Send you membership dues (\$10) and 1995 band orders to the Treasurer: Walter Wiechec, 105 Clay Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.

NOW MORE THAN EVER

By S. Robert Powell

It has been a very long time since I have received an issue of the AMERICAN PIGEON JOURNAL. I'm sure that my subscription has not yet expired. A few years ago, I know, the APJ was in the throes of a difficult period. Does the APJ still exist? I have a feeling that it does not. I first subscribed to the APJ in 1958, when I first became interested in pigeons.

If the APJ is gone, I feel that my connection to the national and international pigeon hobby has been broken. Have other pigeon periodicals been created to fill the void? A couple of years ago, I received a sample copy of PIGEON DIGEST, but I did

not subscribe to it because I decided to remain faithful to the APJ. Does the PIGEON DIGEST still exist? Are there any other national pigeon periodicals? Maybe I'm the only one who doesn't know the answer to those questions, maybe not. Whatever the case, the point of this and the preceding paragraph is this: without the clear presence of a national pigeon periodical, breed clubs, such as the FTA, become more important than ever in maintaining the lifeline among pigeon fanciers in America, Canada and around the world. Without the clear presence of a national pigeon periodical, how will someone who is interested in Flying Tiplers find out about the FTA? From their next door neighbor? From the local newspaper? Probably not.

Virtually all new memberships in the FTA are a consequence of the club ad in the classified section of the APJ. If the APJ is gone, and a new periodical has not stepped in to fill the void, how do we communicate with the next generation of Flying Tippler enthusiasts who don't know about the FTA? Anybody have any ideas on this matter?

FTA MAILING LIST

The FTA mailing list that is given herein on pp. 2, 13-14 was put together by the Secretary by pasting down xerox copies of the mailing labels used to mail out the BULLETINS. In this instance, our primary concern was to convey the information presented. The pasted down copy may not be visually perfect, from the perspective of a printer, but the addresses are, based on the information available to the Secretary, correct. If there is an error in your address as given in this FTA mailing list, contact the Secretary and the error will be corrected.

There are 133 members in the FTA at the present time. If you know someone who raises Flying Tiplers who is not now a member of the club, send the FTA Secretary that person's address and the Secretary will send that prospective member a membership information package.

A Unique Experience

by:

Udo Begert

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Fellow Fancier:

I have enjoyed Flying Tiplers for over 20 years and am just as enthusiastic about them as when I first started. A little over a year ago my wife and I moved to this location and found it to be ideal for Flying Tiplers. Lots of open area for the birds to fly. We moved in September 1992 and in the following winter I brought my 8 x 20 pigeon trailer on the 2.63 acre site. Since then I have built a 8 x 12 coop for my Polish Highflyers which I have recently acquired from a gentleman who passed away in Michigan on October 14, 1993. Although the Polish Highflyers do not have the endurance of the Flying Tiplers I particularly enjoy their flying pattern, style and colour.

Over the years I have had several incidents with hawks. The earliest one I can recall happened many years ago in the late fall. I had the pigeons out in the morning and the weather was great. Up until now we had no snow. Then around noon the weather changed and the snow came down thick and with it the red tailed hawk. He came from the back of the coop and with his flight momentum was on top of the birds, snatched one with his talons and flew off. Not only did he catch the bird but he scared the others off of which all did not return days later.

Since we've moved to present location I have had several other altercations with hawks. I thought with an area so open the hawks would not come around. This has not been the case at all. One morning I was busy cleaning the coop and my father came by. As he was coming in the coop I noticed

he had one of my tipplers in his hands. I asked him how he got him as I just let them out before he came. He stated that he witnessed the hawk catch the pigeon and immediately he ran after the hawk yelling all the while. With this camotion the hawk dropped the pigeon and pop went over and picked up the bird. Upon examing the bird you could see the blood and talon marks. The bird since has recovered and flys with one of my kits.

Another incident happened when I had my Polish Highflyers out. I went into the basement to work and when I looked out they were flying in all directions which indicted to me something was wrong. When I went upstairs to have a better look I noticed the hawk on the ground with one of my Polish Highflyers. This was about all I could take. I got out my 22 loaded it and took a shot at him. Fortunately I missed because of the strict laws we have here in Canada protecting birds of prey but he did let go of the pigeon and flew away. Went out caught my bird, examined it, seemed shaken a bit of blood and talon marks. This bird also recooperated and flys today.

It wasn't long and we had another confrontation with our friendly birds of prey. Again I was in the coop cleaning away when my father came. I asked him whether or not he would like to see a kit fly. He wasn't too eager that I let them out because of our past experiences. Anyway I opened the sliders and out they went. We just got out to watch them perform and my father noticed one on the ground and the others flying fervently to gain altitude. We went over to pick up the bird and noticed this one was not moving. Blood was coming steadily out of its beak. About ten minutes later it died in my father's hand. These last three incidents have all happened in about 2 weeks nor have I let my birds out since. Enough is enough. Looking forward to read about other fancier's experiences.

Yours in the Sport

Udo Begert

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The Lofts of Udo Begert of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada. Highway 401 is in the background.



The "Moonlight Loft" of Richard Kehrner of Anderson, CA.

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From JERRY O'ROURKE:

THE INDESTRUCTABLE PIGEON

The band on his right leg reads MH89-574, but he is referred to as Big Red. He is a Red Lovatt strain pigeon bred by Bela Kiss of East Falmouth, MA., and I obtained him and three other birds in the Summer of 1989. It was my first start with Tipplers, and Bela was very helpful to me. Bela's birds are all line bred down from Lovatt imports which he obtained from Percy Hagen back in the 50's.

On October 1, 1991, Red was flying with his two kit companions. I had released them at 725AM, but at 11AM I could only see two birds in the sky. At 530PM two birds came down and trapped in. At 6PM I saw a lone red bird hovering over the Loft in an attempt to land. Its underparts were red with blood. It was then I knew that it had been attacked by a Hawk. It was Big Red and as he landed on the lawn, I picked him up and examined him. He had a lacerated wing and was missing three primaries and four tail feathers. I washed off the wound and sprayed it with a mild antiseptic and put him in isolation for a few days. He recovered from the shock of the attack and I returned him to the Loft.

A month later, on November 5th, Big Red was attacked for the second time by a Hawk as he was flying over the loft. I was in my yard and I saw the Hawk dive for Red. He hit Red as he dove for the pine trees near the loft. The Hawk had Red on the ground in his talons as I raced over to chase it off. My beagle, Tasha, got there before me and the Hawk took off leaving Red on the ground. Aside from the loss of numerous down feathers, Red was okay and I returned him to the Loft. Once again, he had escaped death.

This year, 1993, I had been using Big Red as a breeder as he is a three time Diploma winner. I have three nice red youngsters that he sired this year. In August, I stopped breeding him, and let him start flying for exercise.

While this may sound unbelievable, on September 25th Red was attacked by a small Hawk as he flew with six other birds. I was painting the house so I was watching the birds fly most of the day. The Hawk dove at the kit of bird and they scattered, but the Hawk was on the tail of one red bird which dove for its Loft. The Hawk nailed the bird in mid-air and landed with it in my neighbor's yard. I ran over to the fence and the Hawk took off with the bird. I thought it was gone for sure until the Hawk unexpectedly dropped to the driveway of a neighbor's house four houses up the street. At this point I didn't quite know what to do so I ran up the street and just as I got near the Hawk, it took off with the pigeon in its talons. Suprisingly, the Hawk dropped the pigeon about five feet off the ground and took off. It was then that I realized that the

bird was Big Red. He was in shock and had wounds on his neck, both wings, all tail feathers gone and blood spattered. I washed his wounds, sprayed antiseptic on them, and put him in a small cage in my house so that I could keep an eye on him and provide warmth for it.

It took two days before Red started to move around the cage. He ate a little and drank water, and I knew then that he would be okay. One of his wings is drooping badly and I have it tied up in place. It does not appear to be broken, but we shall see.

Today, a week after the attack, I put Red back in the Loft and he seems happy to be back with the other pigeons. His wing is still tied up and I will have to keep an eye on it. I will have to wait and see if he will ever fly again. He is too valuable to destroy, and I will return him to breeding next season. Truly a remarkable pigeon. The band on his right leg reads MH89-574, but it should read INDESTRUCTABLE.

Jerry O'Rourke

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

By S. Robert Powell

I will not be a candidate for the office of Secretary of the FTA in the upcoming election.

It has been my pleasure to serve the FTA for the past six years:

1989: Publicity Director and Central Timer

1990: Acting Secretary

1991-92: Secretary

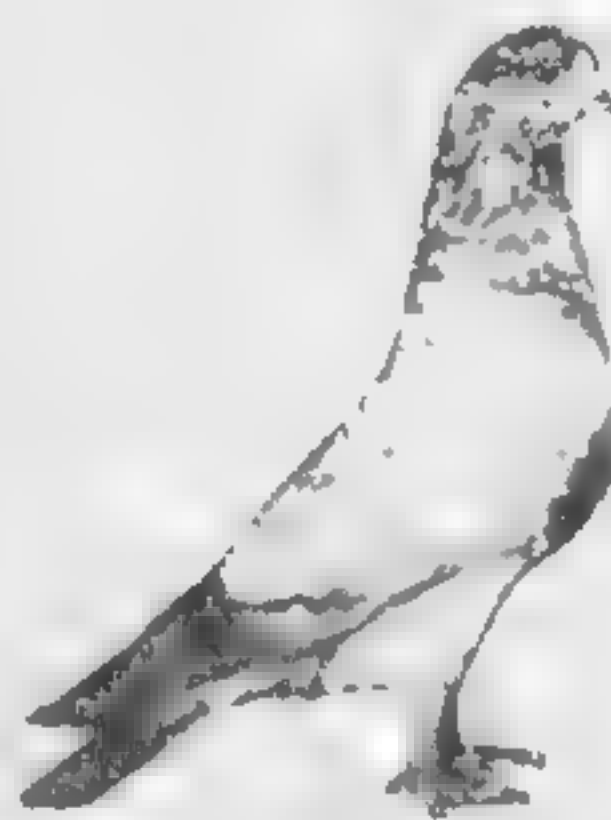
1993-94: Secretary

At the completion of my term of five years as FTA Secretary, I will have produced 24 BULLETINS, containing 269 pages. There are, I believe, more members in the FTA at present (133) than there have ever been (which is wonderful). The accomplishment of which I am most proud during my six years of service to the FTA is this: I persuaded Jerry O'Rourke to become the Central Timer of the FTA. (I am also very proud of the BULLETINS and the FTA mailing envelope that I produced.)

Regarding the upcoming FTA election:

Send your completed Nomination Form (enclosed herein) to me before December 16th.

I will prepare a ballott and mail it out to all members with the December 27, 1994 BULLETIN. When all ballots are completed and returned to me (before January 10th), I will forward them to the new Secretary of the FTA.



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Report on the Fall Series flys, by Jerry O'Rourke:

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Fall Series I - Sept. 17/18
Any Age Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

- H. Kogan - FTA94-975,967,961 and 963. Three cocks, one hen released at 729AM and all down together at 322PM with last bird in trap at 335PM.
WEATHER:
50-66 Degrees. Wind 10-15MPH, higher gusts, from North.
Barometer 30.02S.
Witnessed by Elizabeth Kogan.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Very breezy and cool Fall day. Cold front moving through. Birds flew very high most of day. An enjoyable day.
- T. Kvidera - FTA94-465,468 and 469. Three cocks released at 624AM. (DSQ.)
Dropping signal out at 1030AM.
Disqualified because 468 came down uninvited out of bounds at 1015AM.
WEATHER:
Clear. 45-70 Degrees. Barometer 30.05. Winds calm to W10.
Humidity 70%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
On the joys of flying a monochromatic kit. Had a beautiful day to fly, but I messed up by feeding up the wrong bird. Had Lynn release the kit for its last training flight while I was flying back from Memphis. They did pretty well and I dropped them near dark. They trapped into the YB Loft and I caught the three Reds and put them into the kit box. Alas, I grabbed what had been the fourth bird of the kit which previously had been dropped from the kit for landing in wrong places instead of the proper third bird. Did not notice it until I went to release them this morning. The right bird had not been fed-up so I went with what I had and took my chances. I lost!
- J. O'Rourke - FTA94-379. FC93-24 and 26. Three cocks released at 826AM. (DSQ.)
All three down unexpectedly at 135PM. Last bird in trap at 6PM.
Disqualified because birds did not trap within hour.
WEATHER:
Rainy at 6AM. Then clear. 60-65 Degrees. Barometer 29.82.
winds from ESE at 8MPH. Humidity 62%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Delayed start due to rain. Birds not completely finished moulting, and they just quit. One bird stayed out and did not trap until evening.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Fall Series II - Oct. 1/2
Any Age Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

J. Russo - ATU94-13,28 and 41. Three hens released at 625AM and thrown at 600PM. One bird down at 607PM and other two down at 610PM with last bird in trap at 618PM.
(11:35)

WEATHER:

Clear, 50-61 Degrees. Barometer at 29.94. Winds from west at 7 MPH and Humidity at 74%.

Witnessed by Ed Mahlstadt of ATU from 625AM til Noon and by Ed Buraczewski of FTA, FTS. ATU from Noon til end.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

This was one of the best weatherwise days for flying in two years. Birds were just great.

H. Kogan - FTA94-975,967,96^h and 963. Three cocks, one hen released at 735AM and all birds down together at 142PM with last bird in trap at 219PM.
(06:07)

WEATHER:

30-52 Degrees. Cloudy, damp, cool, started to rain lightly but continuously at Noon. Barometer at 30.30F. No wind.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Considering they stayed up in a continual rain for 90 minutes, I am quite pleased. Hope you had a good fly.

T. Kvidera - fTA94 - 465,485 and 486. C, H, C released at 647AM and White Russian Tumbler Droppers out at 12:18PM. All birds down together at 12:34PM with last bird in trap at 12:38PM.
(05:31)

WEATHER:

Cloudy, 45-50 Degrees. Barometer 29.73. Winds from NE at 10-20 MPH with gusts to 30MPH. Humidity 90%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Kitted well, but never really got into a good raking style. They came down more bored than tired.

J. O'Rourke- FC93-26 and 24. FTA94-379. Two cocks, one hen released at 635AM and all came down together at 1158AM with last bird in trap at 12:03PM.
(05:23)

WEATHER:

Clear, breezy. 50-64 Degrees. Barometer 29.94. Winds from WNW at 14MPH and Humidity at 44%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Beautiful day for flying. Obviously birds did not think so. I expected a better time. Will fly different kit next time.

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G. Hulst - FTA93-1066, 1061 and 1072. Three cocks released
(06:28) at 714AM. Thief Pouter droppers put out at 142PM
and all down at 142PM with last bird in trap at
205PM.
WEATHER:
Clear, 35-58 Degrees. Barometer 30.0 Rising and
winds from NE at 5-10 MPH. Humidity 40%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Great weather to fly. 1072 got tired. I bred from
him and he isn't in shape yet. Maybe two weeks from
now.

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Fall Series III - Oct. 15/16
Any Age Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants

HONOR SYSTEM

J. Russo - ATU92-1381 ATU94-7, 8, 9 and 32. All hens released at 645AM
(08:00) and all down together at 245PM with last bird in trap at 300PM.
WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. 52-61 Degrees. Barometer 30.33. Winds from
NW at 18MPH and Humidity at 71%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds did good considering they had a strong Northwest wind to
fly against all day.

G. Hulst - IPB92-216. FTA93-1072 and 1066. H, C.C. released at 737AM
(07:38) Thief Pouter droppers out at 315PM and all birds down together
at 315PM with last bird in trap at 332PM.
WEATHER:
Partly cloudy 45-65 Degrees. Barometer 30.3. Winds ESE at
5-15 MPH and Humidity 40%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds should have flown longer. Not properly trained. Thanks
for the good Report.

H. Kogan - FTA94-975, 967, 961 and 963. Three cocks, one hen released at
(06:42) 712AM and all down together at 154PM with last bird in trap at
211PM.
WEATHER:
Clear sky, calm, light breeze. 27-68 Degrees. Barometer 30.52S
Beautiful Fall day.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
A nice day! Since I only have 4 flyers, I'll have to sit out
the Stock Fly - so this closes the season for me. Best wishes
to you and yours - keep up the good work. Howard.

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J. O'Rourke - FTA93-945. FTA94-366 and 379. Two cocks, one hen released at 648AM. First bird dropped down at 12:14PM and White Russian Tumbler Droppers out immediately at 12:14PM and other two birds down at 12:15PM with last bird in trap at 12:46PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, brisk, sunny day. 35-55 Degrees. Barometer 30.33. Winds from SE at 7 MPH and Humidity at 55%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I thought the older bird would add some stability to the younger birds, but, surprisingly, he was the one who came down first. The youngsters wanted to fly, but came down in response to the Droppers.

T. Kvidera - A note from Tim. No kit - no start.

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THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

FAll Series IV - The Stock Fly
October 29/30

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

J. O'Rourke - FTA90-1990. FTA93- 909 and 910. FTA94-366,373 and 379. FC93-24 and 26. Four cocks and four hens released at 702AM. First bird dropped out at 1245PM and White Droppers put out immediately at 1245PM. Five birds down at 1246PM and two down at 110PM with last bird in trap at 119PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, sunny. Warm. 60-68 Degrees. Barometer at 30.19. Winds from SW at 18MPH and Humidity at 41%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Had to put out old hen 1990 who was a great flyer a few years back. She came down first so I had to call down the rest.

CENTRA, TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Tim Kvidera advised me that he could not fly in the Stock fly as he would be attending the NYBS SHow in Louisville. Had notes from Howard Kogan, Andy Fuller, Rich Kehrer stating that they would be unable to fly in the Stock Fly. Smail Basic advised me by phone. What really bothers me is that with a membership of over 100 "FLYERS" our participation in the FTA competitions is disgraceful.

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BALLOT TO ELECT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE FTA FOR 1995-1996

Listed hereafter are the names of all nominees for officers and directors of the Flying Tippler Association of America for 1995-1996. In an effort to save time and to get these ballots into the hands of the membership as soon as possible, the Secretary has not contacted each of the nominees to see if each is interested in having his name on the ballot and, if elected, will serve. That being the case, the Secretary that is elected for 1995-1996 will have to contact the candidate with the highest number of votes for each office after the ballots have been cast to make sure that the winners are interested in serving.

Place a check mark (✓) in the blank space before the name of the candidate for whom you are voting. Make sure that you vote for five members of the Board of Directors.

Return your completed ballot to the Secretary for 1993-1994 before February 15, 1995. The name and address of the Secretary for 1993-1994 are as follows: S. Robert Powell, R. D. 1, Box 40, Carbondale, PA 18407-9706.

The names of the Officers and Directors of the FTA for 1995-1996 will be announced in the next issue of the FTA BULLETIN.

Nominees for Officers and Directors of the FTA for 1995-1996:

PRESIDENT (vote for one person):

_____ Smail Basic
_____ Tim Kvidera
_____ Stanley Ogozalek
_____ Jerry O'Rourke
_____ Oskar Zovich

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_____ Milan Kobulsky

_____ Walter Wiechec

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_____ Walter Wiechec

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_____ Smail Basic

_____ Joe Kelly

_____ Howard Kogan

_____ Stanley Ogozalek

_____ Robert Rugaber

_____ Ed Young

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (vote for five persons):

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_____ Rene Ascensio

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_____ Udo Begert

_____ Ralph Britt

_____ Ed Buraczewski

_____ Andrew Fuller

_____ Gordon Hamilton

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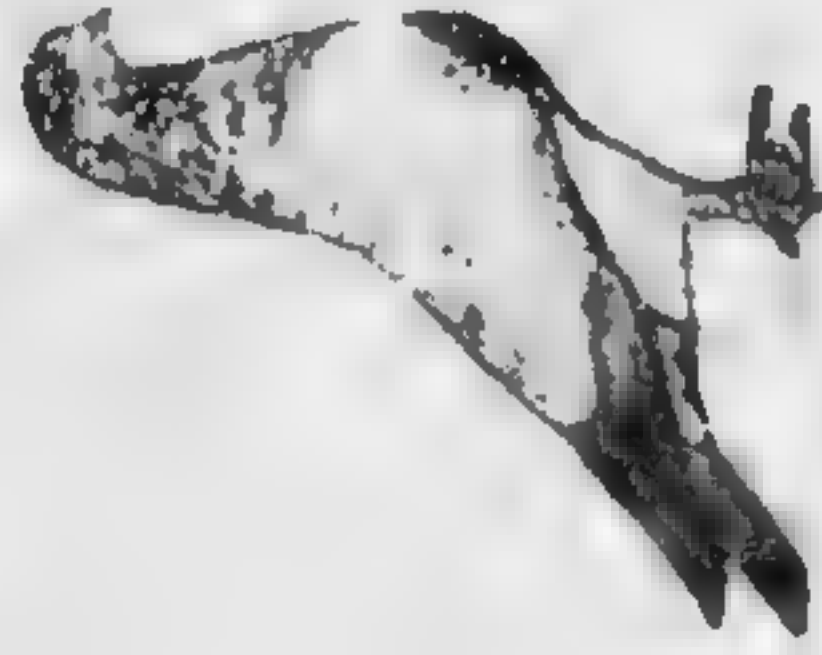
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_____ Oskar Zovich

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Address: _____

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA BULLETIN



March 15, 1995

Interim

S. Robert Powell, Secretary

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FROM THE INTERIM SECRETARY

Here is the first issue of the FTA BULLETIN for 1995. Among the very interesting items herein are: (1) the results of the election of officers and directors of the FTA for 1995-1996 (pp. 2-3); (2) Jerry O'Rourke's 1994 Annual Report (pp. 4-8); letters and communications from the members (pp. 9-12); and a reprint, courtesy of Smail Basic, of two articles about Tipplers from an old issue of the APJ (p. 13).

Given the unavoidable tardiness of the Secretary in going to press with this issue of the BULLETIN, it seems prudent to announce, PROVISIONALLY, the PROPOSED 1995 FTA fly schedule. I have come up with this schedule, based on the dates for the fly in 1994. What follows is not, to be sure, an official statement of the fly schedule. The next issue of the BULLETIN will contain an official statement of the schedule. What follows is to be regarded as a guide in getting your birds ready for the Spring and Summer fly.

PROPOSED 1995 FTA Fly Schedule

Spring Series: April 22/23; May 6/7; May 20/21.

Summer Series: June 3/4; June 17/18 (Long Day fly); July 1/2.

Fall Series: Sept. 16/17; Sept. 30/Oct. 1; Oct. 14/15; Oct. 28/29 (Stock fly).

WHERE SHOULD WE ADVERTISE?

Given the demise of the AMERICAN PIGEON JOURNAL, the FTA no longer has an ad in a regularly published national/international publication which makes it possible for potential members of the FTA to contact us.

This situation, it seems to me (SRP) must be corrected or the FTA will no longer continue to acquire new members on a regular basis.

Thanks to Richard Kehrer and Jerry O'Rourke, I have the following information about three pigeon publications that might be good candidates for the FTA's monthly ad:

PIGEON FANCIER, Post Office Box 694, Colton, CA 92324. \$28 per year.

PIGEON DEBUT, Post Office Box 271026, Oklahoma City, OK 73137. \$18 a year.

PIGEON DIGEST, Post Office Box 3341, S. W. 49th, Oklahoma City, OK 73119. \$18 per year.

Are there any others? Where shall we place our monthly ad in which is given the name and address of the Treasurer of the FTA? If you have an opinion on this matter, contact Tim Kvidera (13610 Johnson Street, NE, Anoka, MN 55304. Phone: 612-755-7983) or Walter Wiechec (105 Clay Street, Buffalo, NY 14207. Phone: 716-873-0497).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome to membership in the FTA the following persons:

ANTHONY R. DASARO (2306 Poindexter, Sellburg, IN 47172).

DAVID DEAN (14 Bloomingdale Drive, Brampton, Ontario, CANADA L6W-325).

Results of the election of officers and directors of the FTA for 1995-1996:

PRESIDENT (vote for one person):

- 03 Smail Basic
- 19 Tim Kvidera ✓
- 05 Stanley Ogozalek
- 06 Jerry O'Rourke
- 08 Oskar Zovich

Forty-three members voted in the election.

Here is a summary statement of the results:

President: Tim Kvidera

Eastern Vice-President: two candidates each had 8 votes: Ed Buraczewski and Stanley Ogozalek

Western Vice-President: two candidates each had 11 votes: Hamid Ahmadi and Richard Kehrer

Secretary: Jerry O'Rourke

Treasurer: Walter Wiechec

Publicity Director: two candidates each had 7 votes: Smail Basic and Howard Kogan

Board of Directors: Michael Beat, Stanley Ogozalek, S. Robert Powell, Wayne Tomsic, and Oskar Zovich

EASTERN VICE-PRESIDENT (vote for one person):

- 06 Smail Basic
- 08 Ed Buraczewski ✓
- 03 Howard Kogan
- 06 Tim Kvidera
- 08 Stanley Ogozalek ✓
- 04 Ed Young
- 01 Elvis Zovich
- 07 Oskar Zovich

WESTERN VICE-PRESIDENT (vote for one person):

- 11 Hamid Ahmadi ✓
- 11 Richard Kehrer ✓
- 10 Joe Kelly
- 06 Omer Ogren

SECRETARY (vote for one person):

- 05 Michael Beat
- 05 Howard Kogan
- 05 Stanley Ogozalek
- 16 Jerry O'Rourke ✓
- 02 Ali Rajabnik
- 07 Robert Rugaber

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (vote for five persons):

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07 Hamid Ahmadi
08 Rene Ascensio
08 Smail Basic
12 Michael Beat ✓
05 Udo Begert
05 Ralph Britt
10 Ed Buraczewski
05 Andrew Fuller
03 Gordon Hamilton
05 Richard Kehrler
10 Bela Kiss
07 Milan Kobulsky
07 Howard Kogan
07 Al Lukez
03 Jack McPartland
08 Farzin Mirzoagha
11 Stanely Ogozalek ✓

08 Omer Ogren
23 S. Robert Powell ✓
02 Robert Rotschi
08 Robert Rugaber
07 Joseph Russo
02 Dave Thomas
12 Wayne Tomsic ✓
02 Ed Young
23 Oskar Zovich ✓

TREASURER (vote for one person):

05 Michael Beat
03 Milan Kobulsky
34 Walter Wiechec ✓

CENTRAL TIMER (vote for one person):

07 Andrew Fuller
22 Jerry O'Rourke ✓
08 Walter Wiechec

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR (vote for one person):

07 Smail Basic ✓
02 Joe Kelly
07 Howard Kogan ✓
11 Stanley Ogozalek
08 Robert Rugaber
06 Ed Young

do not wish to serve
as Publicity Director
at this time

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1994 Annual Report

1. I received \$123.00 in entrance fees for FTA flys and forwarded same to Treasurer Walter Wiechec. Entrance fees were received from the following members:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reports Requested</u>	<u>Flys Entered</u>
H. Ahmadi	\$ 6.00	4	1
S. Basic	6.00	4	1
A. Fuller	4.50	3	2
G. Hulst	15.00	10	5
L. Kapac	5.00	3	2
H. Keay	7.50*	5	2
R. Kehrer	3.00	2	2
H. Kogan	10.50	7	6
T. Kvidera	10.00	6	4
S. Ogozalek	6.00	4	3
J. O'Rourke	12.00	8	8
J. Russo	15.00	10	6
H. Smith	7.50*	5	2
O. Zovich	15.00*	10	2
	<u>\$123.00</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>46</u>

* - Payments deducted from 1993 Award Monies by W. Wiechec.

2. Regular Diploma Awards for 1994 were awarded as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Diplomas</u>	<u>Official System</u>	<u>Honor System</u>
H. Ahmadi	1		15:32
S. Basic	1	12:46	
G. Hulst	1		8:35
L. Kapac	1	14:26	
H. Keay	1	11:40	
R. Kehrer	1		15:01
T. Kvidera	1		11:18
S. Ogozalek	1		12:34
J. O'Rourke	2		9:54 10:41
J. Russo	3		8:03 11:35 8:00
H. Smith	1	12:47	
O. Zovich	1	15:26	
	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

3. Aggregate Diploma Awards for 1994 were as follows:

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

H. Keay with 2 flys totaling 19:00 hours.

HONOR SYSTEM

J. Russo with 6 flys totaling 38:07

4. The winners of each of the 10 Fly Series were as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Honor</u>
H. Keay	Spring I	07:20	
G. O'Rourke	"		09:54
O. Zovich	Spring II	15:26	
H. Ahmadi	"		15:32
G. Hulst	Spring III	None	08:35
H. Kogan	Summer I	None	05:15
H. Kogan	Summer II	None	03:25
S. Basic	Summer III	12:46	
T. Kvidera	"		11:18
H. Kogan	Fall I	None	07:53
J. Russo	Fall II	None	11:35
J. Russo	Fall III	None	08:00
G. O'Rourke	Fall IV (Stock)	None	05:43

5. Fly money Awards for 1994 were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. Wins</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>Fly Series</u>
J. O'Rourke	1	\$10.00	Honor	Spring I - 09:54
O. Zovich	1	15.00	Official	Spring II -15:26
H. Ahmadi	1	16.00	Honor	Spring II -15:32
G. Hulst	1	9.00	Honor	Spring III - 08:35
S. Basic	1	13.00	Official	Summer III - 12:46
T. Kvidera	1	11.00	Honor	Summer III - 11:18
J. Russo	2	20.00	Honor	Fall II - 11:35 Fall III- 08:00
		\$94.00		

6. Additions to the 20 Best Flying Times in FTA History:

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No changes.

HONOR SYSTEM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>
H. Ahmadi	Spring II	15:32	3 way tie 5th
R. Kehrer	Spring II	15:01	11th Place

7. Additions to the 20 Best Flying Times in each Series:

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>
O. Zovich	Spring II	15:26	5th Place
L. Kapac	Spring II	14:26	19th Place
S. Basic	Summer III	12:46	6th Place

HONOR SYSTEM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>
G. O'Rourke	Spring I	09:54	20th Place
H. Ahmadi	Spring II	15:32	1st Place
R. Kehrer	Spring II	15:01	3rd Place
S. Ogozalek	Spring II	12:34	10th Place
G. O'Rourke	Spring II	10:41	18th Place Tie
T. Kvidera	Summer III	11:18	7th Place
H. Kogan	Fall I	07:57	19th Place
J. Russo	Fall II	11:35	4th Place
G. O'Rourke	Fall IV	05:43	18th Place

8. Aggregate Fly Times for 1994 were as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>No. Flys</u>	<u>OFFICIAL SYSTEM</u>	<u>HONOR SYSTEM</u>
H. Keay	2	19 Hours, 0 Mins.	
O. Zovich	2	15 Hours, 26 Mins.	
L. Kapac	2	14 Hours, 26 Mins.	
H. Smith	2	12 Hours, 47 Mins.	
S. Basic	1	12 Hours, 46 Mins.	
J. Russo	6		38 Hours, 07 Min.
G. O'Rourke	8		37 Hours, 07 Min.
H. Kogan	6		32 Hours, 07 Min.
G. Hulst	5		29 Hours, 19 Min.
S. Ogozalek	3		19 Hours, 35 Min.
T. Kvidera	4		16 Hours, 49 Min.
H. Amadi	1		15 Hours, 32 Min.
R. Kehrer	2		15 Hours, 01 Min.
A. Fuller	2		05 Hours, 51 Min.
	<u>46</u>		

Total Official System - 74 Hours, 25 Minutes

Total Honor System - 209 Hours, 28 Minutes

Grand Total Hours Flown - 283 Hours, 53 Minutes

SUMMARY OF 1994 ANNUAL REPORT

After three years of ever increasing participation in our fly competitions, 1994 saw a downward spiral. Our numbers were down in all catagories:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Flys Reports Requested</u>	<u>Flys Entered</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1991	37	24	\$ 56.00
1992	86	67	149.50
1993	101	68	158.00
1994	81	46	123.00

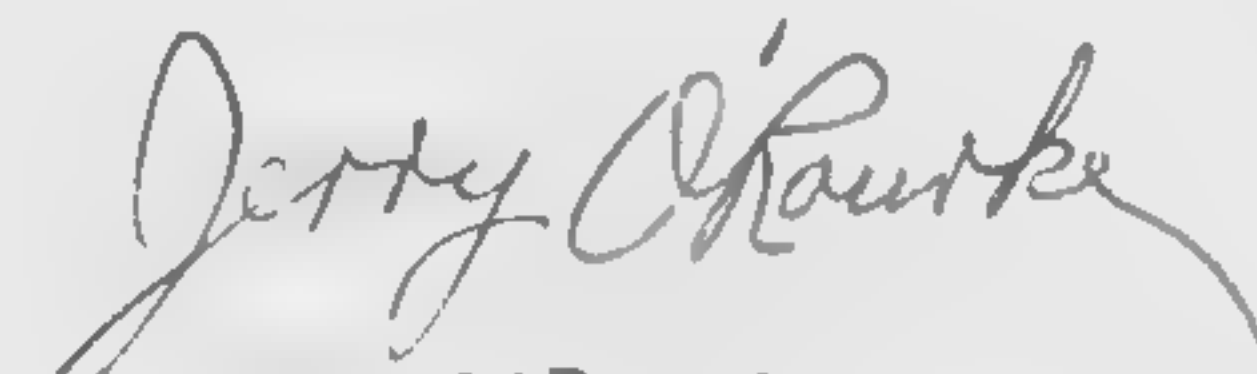
There were some great flys in 1994 particularly in the Spring II fly which saw 8 members all flying their birds over 8 hours. O. Zovich topped the field with a 15:26 fly in Official Time. He was closely followed by L. Kapac with a 14:26. Harry Smith's birds turned in a 12:47 and Herb Keay had a 11:40 fly. In the Honor System, same fly, Hamid Ahmadi had the best overall time with a 15:32 and Rich Kehrer was right behind him with a nice 15:01 fly. Our former Secretary, Stan Ogozalek, flew his birds for 12:34 and I, as Central Timer, turned in a 10:41 mark. Garry Hulst had a 06:38; Andy Fuller, our Junior member had a respectable time of 5:51 and newcomer to our Club, Joe Russo finished off with 3:33. (He bettered this mark in later flys.) This was a spirited fly competition. It is too bad that they are not all like this one.

In Young bird competition, the Summer III fly, Smail Basic continues to dominate with a great fly of 12:46 in the Official System, while our President, Tim Kvidera, won the Honor fly in the same Series with a mark of 11:18. Joe Russo won the Fall II Series, Any Age birds, with a time of 11:35. He also won the Fall III Series with an even 08:00 fly. Joe also won the Aggregate Award in Honor System with 6 flys for 38:07 hours while Herb Keay won the Official Aggregate Award with 2 flys of 19:00 hours. There was a grand total of 283 hours and 53 minutes flown by all our competitors.

I am now in the process of putting together a Listing of the 20 Best Times flown overall in the Young Bird Series to distinguish it from the Old Bird Series. To do it properly, I will also have to make a Listing of the ANY Age Bird Series. Then I will put it all together and have a Overall Listing of the 20 Best Times flown in the history of the FTA. This is an undertaking, but a worthy one. Smail Basic has pointed out many times that Young birds deserve their own place in the Listings and should not be grouped with Old Birds. He is absolutely right. I have resisted doing so for some time because I felt that too many Listings make for boring reading and are, therefore, useless. However, Smail has convinced me that it is right and necessary, and, with that in mind, I will be happy to comply with his wishes and those of my fellow members.

My sincere thanks to those members who participated in our fly competitions, and those members for their help and support given to me over the past years.

You probably get tired of hearing me say it over and over again, but this is your Club, and in order to maintain a healthy and viable organization more of our members must participate in the Club's activities. If everyone sits back and just reads the Bulletin, you will soon have no Bulletin to read for there will be no news to report. Come on fellow members, become more active in the FTA in 1995,


Jerry O'Bourke

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM HERE AND THERE

STAN SEIBEL to Walter Wiechec (12-11-94): "... Right now I have 18 Flying Tiplers and three Turbits. I sold 8 birds last month locally. Not many Tippler men around here. The closest member is Dick Seabridge, from whom I got my birds in the early 80's. They fly great at times. I don't have them trained good at all. Don't take the time. I have birds for sale if you know anyone interested." Stan's address is as follows: 287 Heckman Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

SIA MALEKNASRI to Walter Wiechec (12-07-1994): "... I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and other officers of the FTA for doing an excellent job of informing and teaching beginners like myself all about Tiplers. In addition, I'd like to thank members such as Bob Rugaber and Ali Rajabnik, who with their generosity, help beginners start with the proper knowledge base and the right birds. Thanks to Bob, I bred excellent birds this year and they performed superbly."

RALPH BRITT to Walter Wiechec (12-02-1994): "... The hawks came early this year. They arrived November 23. The latest was Christmas day. Fortunately they didn't catch any Tiplers."

TIM KVIDERA (02-13-1995): "... Should have put Tiplers together last weekend but weather too cold and I've been traveling too much to figure out how I want to pair them up. Will have to in the next week or so if want to fly the young bird contests in June..."

ANTON VAN DALEN (02-06-95) to SRP: "... My Tiplers are flown from my roof on our Manhattan (New York City) home. The original stock were from Les Brozyna and Stanley Ogozalek."

RICHARD A. KEHRER to Walter Wiechec: "... Birds are well, not flying any now. Wish I was."

TIM KVIDERA to SRP (11-15-1994): "... One of my past (couple of months ago now) business trips included weekend in New Jersey/Long Island and a bit of Tipplering. Plan to do a few paragraphs on the visiting for the BULLETIN, but don't hold up anything waiting for it. Had a great time, as usual, at the National Young Bird Show in Louisville. Had a chance to spend a few hours with Oskar, Wally and Murray and briefly met David Fuller and Gary Hulst."

E. I. TERANCHI to Walter Wiechec (07-05-1994): "... I moved back to Colorado a year ago and am finally getting around to sending my 1994 membership dues. Because of work, I am not able to keep any birds right now but want to stay in touch with the FTA and the Newsletter."

BOB RUGABER (12-30-94): "...In 1995, I'll breed from 12 pairs."

DALE E. PETERS (12-28-1994): "... I have two electric heaters in the loft and my best birds are on eggs."

SILVESTER TOWNSEND to Walter Wiechec (01-08-1995): "... You continue to do a very good job, Keep up the good work."

From CHET KAPA

In his letter of 01-27-95 to Walter Wiechec, Chet Kapa states: "... Sure had a time with the Goshawks and Coopers Hawks this past summer. But I was able to fly the birds, got up to 6 hours. Not too bad for being on regular feed and flying every morning. I was able to find three hens of the Dale Peters breeding to go along with the 5 cocks Dale sold me. I'm hoping for a better flying time this 1995 season. I'm still hoping to get a couple hens from Dale. This year, I'm going to fly the Tiplers separate from my Birmingham Rollers..."

GENETICS

Here are two titles that will interest members who are involved with pigeon genetics:

PIGEON GENETICS News, Views & Comments
\$15 per year.

GENETICS OF PIGEONS, by the Editor of PIGEON GENETICS. \$25 for the black and white copy of the book; \$60 for the color edition.

Our thanks to Richard R. Kehrer for both of these titles. If you need the address of PIGEON GENETICS, contact Richard R. Kehrer (7810 Mallard Way, Anderson, CA 96007. Phone: 916-547-4607).

SHOW YOUR BIRDS

In his letter of 12-06-1994 to SRP, Richard Kehrer writes:

"...Show your birds in pigeon shows! You never know who you might meet or what you might see. I have been going to one pigeon show for four years and now I enjoy it very much. I have met some nice pigeon fanciers, and through one of them, I got to see some very old Tippler books, one of the oldies was "The Tippler Pigeon" (1909) and some old letters about Tipplers from the period 1930-1940. I was also given an old copy of the American Flying Tippler Club's rules. I don't know how old it is, but it is neat to have it. It might be as old as 1925. You never know what you might see at a pigeon show..."

From BOB RUGABER

In his letter to SRP of 12-09-94, Bob Rugaber states: "...Like you, I have been a regular subscriber of the AMERICAN PIGEON JOURNAL since the mid 50's and I really miss it! I know I had another year to go on my subscription when it stopped coming. I keep expecting someone to buy it out and start the press rolling again.

I have had real good reports from three club members who are flying my (Murray Gaskins) birds: Ralph Britt, Bill Murphy and Sia Maleknaski). All report 10 hours on a regular basis for young birds. They

all say the birds fly very high. I get good time but not as high, so it might be something I do--feed or location. Murray sent me new very high flying blood to use in 1995...."

ONTARIO TIPPLER UNION

FTA member, HARRY J. SMITH, is also the Secretary of the Ontario Tippler Union. Our thanks to him for sending a copy of the 1995 OTU membership list. About 1/3 of the members of the OTU are also members of the FTA. It's good to know that there are Tippler enthusiasts who are involved in the sport to the extent that they are members of two Flying Tippler organizations.

From UDO BEGERT

In his letter of 01-08-95 to Walter Wiechec, Udo Begert remarks: "... The Polish Highflyers are really flying well now in the winter. In the summer when they are raising youngsters, they tend to be on the lazy side. I also was able to get a pair of self white Danzig High-flyers. I will be flying their youngsters in the spring and summer..."

From ANTON VAN DALEN

On 12-03-1994, Anton van Dalen wrote to SRP as follows: "Thank you for the November BULLETIN. It is always a great day when the paper arrives. I have enclosed my nominations and filled it out to the best of my knowledge. A number of the names are Tippler men I have met and learned from. Stan Ogozalek is the person where many of my birds came from. He also inspires with great knowledge and enthusiasm. Oskar I have visited and spoken with on the phone more than once. Howard I have had over to our house and in my Manhattan rooftop Tippler coop. His writing about Tipplers for the pigeon magazines makes him a most important Tippler friend. He writes with great ability and I always enjoy reading him. Even his comments in the fly reports are always very personal, interesting, and to the point. If he is interested in being

Publicity Director, he would do a valuable job. Best wishes, Anton."

IF YOU MOVE, TELL US

Don't forget to notify the FTA's Secretary if you move. Otherwise, you will not receive the BULLETIN. Every time that an issue of the BULLETIN is mailed, at least one copy comes back to the Secretary with the Post Office's stamp, "Moved. Left no forwarding address," on it. If you don't want to miss one or more issues of the BULLETIN, send the FTA your new address in a timely manner.

From CHET KAPA

In his letter of 06-23-1994 to Walter Wiechec, Chet Kapa states: "... I'm looking to buy the Flying Blue Bar Grizzle with the crown. I hope this doesn't throw you. I had these about 10 years ago. I gave a pair to a youngster in the 4-H. He won first place for a couple years with them. Of course, I flew them. But you would think a man over 60 years old would be wise. Well, I did not keep any stock birds confined. As a result, I lost them all in a storm. It was a cloudless sky at 6 A.M. But at 7:30 A.M. we had an awfully hard rain storm, which lasted for an hour and there were very high winds also. I still have one Blue Bar Grizzle, with the clean head. Also in that lost kit of birds were my chucks and the White Print Barred.

Since then, I have bought a few here and there. But they DO NOT have the wings, which is why I will not bother to breed. But I did buy 5 cocks from Dale Peters of Ludington, Michigan. These birds have the best wings I have seen in 60 years of flying Tipplers. These birds from Dale Peters are the Macclesfields. But there the problem, he has no hens to sell at the present time.

So it goes if you don't put a few pairs into a prisoner loft, you're asking for trouble.

Sure would appreciate some information on the Crown Blue Bar Grizzles and the Chucks and the White Print Bars.

At the present time, I am flying the Budapest Highflyers from Bela Kiss of the state of Massachussets. These birds can

get out of sight in a hurry. Beautiful birds. Also fly the Brimingham Rollers, Joe Stayer of Olean, NY. Great flyers and good spinners. They will go out of sight also... Once in a while my mind goes back to the early 1930's. On Saturday mornings, the sky was full of Tipplers and Rollers. The neighborhood was 90% Polish people. What a sight to see the sky full of birds."

TIPPLERS WANTED IN LANDISBURG, PA

On 09-13-1994, Ervin Schalitsky (R. D. 1, Box 709, Landisburg, PA 17041. Phone: 717-789-4568) wrote to Walter Wiechec, as follows:

"I am a soon-to-be ex - Racing Homer fancier. I have flown with the Blue Mountain International Combine of Harrisburg, PA, but can no longer afford the time it takes, due to other responsibilities. I was born and raised in Baltimore and can remember from the neighborhood a man who had Tipplers and enjoyed them greatly, Mr. William Baer. I have been trying to no avail to find some birds in the area to get a start with.

Please accept this request for information on the FTA and for the names and phone numbers of breeders in my area. I live approximately 15 miles north of Carlisle, PA in Perry County (about an hour from Harrisburg). The remainder of my Homers are slated for auction by the end of the month, and I would like to get into Tipplers and become a member ASAP. If you know of anyone who would buy or trade for them, I have nice delbar X demierst X Janssen & Wegge Homers."

From TOM TOSCANO

When Tom Toscano paid his dues for 1995, he enclosed the following note in his letter to Walter Wiechec:

"... I have read Udo Begert's problem with birds of prey. I know what he is going through. The summer of 1993, I lost 50 Tipplers in one day. Not only did I have hawk problems, I had Bald Eagles that were breeding near the Mongaup River Conservatory. This year, I built an 8 by 8 screen coop because I have about 100 Tipplers, Canadian High Flyers, Small Tippler Roller Caps, Short Faces. About

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a day after I built the screen coop, the hawks came down 3 times a day and hit the screen then hit the ground. They never got hurt. They just took off after I yelled. And this went on day after day. So I told my wife. We came up to the mountains from Manhattan to fly birds and we cannot do that because of the Hawks and Eagles. Eagles don't attack, so far, but the birds still look up with fright. So, Udo Begert, don't feel bad. Plus, the rats killed 28 pigeons in one week, until I found out how they were getting into the coop..."

From: STANLEY OGOZALEK

In his letter of March 1995 to SRP, STANLEY OGOZALEK (23 Orchard Street, Keyport, NJ 07735) remarks: "... I still maintain the Gordon Hughes family of Tiplers with about 10 pairs of breeders and about 20 flyers to begin the new season with. Of course, that amount of flyers will be cut down as the season progresses as the birds show their true worth. I should think that there will be at least two kits of flyers: cocks and hens. I would like to fly a good team of cocks, but I'll settle for a good kit regardless of sex!

I had telephoned my friend Tom Dilks of England over the holidays and spoke with him about Tiplers etc. Someone had told me sometime ago that old Gordon Hughes had passed on but when I mentioned this to Tom, he said that it wasn't so, and that he spoke to Gordon not so long ago! Well, Tom still has a few pairs of the GH stock, though his main interest is with the Racing Homers and has been for some years now. He still manages to fly a kit or two and to help out the novices in the area with birds and sound training advice. Wish that he were here to help me with dark training of the kits!"

THANK YOU

Many members send in a donation to the FTA when they pay their annual dues and/or order bands. Sincere thanks to those members for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

From JIM BOYD

In his letter of 02-24-95 to Walter Wiechec, Jim Boyd (P. O. Box 442, Chesapeake City, MD 21915) remarks: "... I am not sure if I am going to stay, live, and work in the U.S.A. Maybe I can find a suitable job where I can contact some people who are interested in Flying Tiplers. I may stay even if I had no Tiplers of my own. I may be able to meet and help a senior citizen to stay in the sport..."

DEATH OF HERB KEAY

On 03-02-1995, Harry J. Smith (3105 Queen Frederica, Apt. 301, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4Y-3A5) wrote to SRP to report the death of FTA member, HERB KEAY.

He wrote: "Please be informed that on February 15, 1995, Herb Keay quietly passed away. He was a Tippler fancier and as well he was a member of the FTA. Also he was a valued friend and he will be missed.

Herb Keay's claim to fame was in 1960 when he flew a kit of three cocks over 17 hours and 28 minutes to break the then existing North American record. Unfortunately, he could only drop two birds in the required time. Hence, he was disqualified. What an end to a shot of glory.

Herb was a member of the Ontario Tippler Union for many years and was a keen competitor.

Many times a member of the FTA visited the Toronto area and Herb Keay's place was the spot to visit. The memory of our American friends sitting in Herb's spacious garden and sipping on a cold one will forever stay in my memory.

Have a safe flight Herb.

Harry J. Smith"

FTA BANDS

Color coded, numbered and dated bands are available to members ONLY at \$5.00 for 25 bands. Band orders are to be mailed to the Treasurer: Walter Wiechec (105 Clay Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.) When you order bands, make sure that you renew your membership for the year: \$10. If your dues are not paid, your name will be removed from the mailing list.

An Experience With Tiplers Not Soon Forgotten

By MIKE DeLATTE, New Orleans, La.

Note by Editor. — The author of this article, Mike DeLatte, was the youngest Junior Member of the Crescent Flying Tippler Club at the time of the experience that he relates here.

I had heard of the fabulous feats of the Tippler, a bird with the endurance to fly for hours if fed properly. I had just joined the Crescent Flying Tippler Club and did not have any stock as yet.

I offered my services to keep time for the race on March 22, 1970. It was about 5:30 a.m. when E. R. Hernandez picked me up to keep time for him. He said that his son Melvin would liberate the birds at 6:00 a.m.

Although it was partially dark and cloudy, there was enough light to see the birds. The team of three birds of the Lovatt strain were liberated exactly at 6:00 a.m. All three birds went into a wide circle around the loft.

At approximately 7:15 a.m. the clouds gave way to a huge blue space into which the team climbed high. The clouds closed in; the birds came down. There was a good north wind blowing, but the birds did not seem to mind.

About 11:00 a.m. Mr. Hernandez arrived home from timing someone else. He was surprised to see the team doing so well. The day before, the yellow bird had lost two primary and one secondary flights. By this time the clouds had blown south, and there was a clear blue sky. The way the Tiplers soared was something everyone should have seen. It seemed as though the team was master of the sky. This was one of the best times to see them. They were making small circles with a steady stroke.

At about 2 p.m. Mr. Hernandez was counting. He wanted to break the record of the CFTC which was 150 minutes and twenty-

two minutes, set by Don Plauche's birds. The record was broken, and Mr. Hernandez said that since the birds had made it this far, they would go until dark.

Everything seemed to be going smoothly while Mr. Hernandez and I talked and watched the birds. We would watch the team climb and go off in large circles. Suddenly, at 4:25 p.m., the birds were making passes at the house as though they were going to land. The yellow funneled ten feet about the house, and started to drop. The two blacks swooped between the yellow and the roof of the house, seeming to carry her back to the large circles. The birds appeared to have picked up some reserve energy and flew with a lot more pep.

Later, Mr. Hernandez was worried about the birds coming down before night. The birds kept making large circles, not showing any weakness. At 5:50 p.m. the yellow landed on the roof with one of the blacks right behind her. The other black kept on flying. Mr. Hernandez ran to the loft quietly, so as not to frighten the two away, and released his white Fantail dropper. He then opened the doors to his sun cage, releasing several birds. Three minutes later the remaining bird circled three or four times, and landed.

The birds were trapped within five minutes. Mr. Hernandez was thrilled with his team of Tiplers and went to them. The yellow bird had brought the birds down early the race before, however there were no harsh words towards her this time. Mr. Hernandez was so happy that he kissed each member of the trio. He said that the birds were from Perc Hagan's imported stock of eighteen-hour birds.

My only hope and ambition now is to share the happiness Mr. Hernandez enjoyed when his birds came in with a good time.

Training for Long Time Tippler Flying

By NELSON A. BALMER, Toronto, Ont., Canada

Note by Editor. — The following article by the late Nelson A. Balmer is being reprinted by a special request from the July 1948 issue of the American Pigeon Journal.

From time to time we have been requested for information on how to make a kit of Tiplers do a long time fly. The following, therefore, is our own experience in this very interesting sport.

In the first place, choose from three to six birds of your own best flyers. If they are old birds, they must be all of the same sex, but if young birds are chosen, it does not make any difference. Cocks or hens will fly equally well, although, our experience has been that, as a rule, hens will fly higher than cocks.

Put the birds you wish to train in a compartment by themselves so that you can feed them according to a rigid schedule. The usual size of this train-

ing coop is approximately three feet square and three feet high, but almost any size will do providing the birds have room to stretch their wings to exercise.

If the birds are in fair condition, put them on a diet consisting of equal parts barley and wheat. If they are fat, put them on straight barley for one week. Feed them one egg cupful per bird in a flat tray, and, after they have eaten their fill, take the tray away, with any feed left over, and give them a drink of water. Then put a tray containing grit before them for a short time. After 10 or 15 minutes, remove the grit tray and water container. This is all the feed they will need per day and is to be given at night. By the way, when feeding wheat and barley, feed the barley first and after it is cleaned up, feed the wheat. The birds prefer wheat to barley and if fed mixed, will eat the wheat and leave the barley.

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The birds are to be flown every other day until sunset, then throw the droppers to signal them down. In training, they should fly from two to five hours, according to the type of Tippler and their condition. When the dropper is thrown, if the birds respond in a few minutes, you will know that they have had enough flying; however, if they take 15 or 20 minutes to get down, the next time they should be put out a half hour earlier. In this way you get to know their best training time.

Always fly the birds without food or water. This is the best way to get them in good, hard flying condition. When they have dropped after a work-out, let them settle down for about half an hour before feeding. Then give them the feed first and grit, and water when through feeding. It is not necessary to leave food and water in the fly coop. Just give them food and water once a day, in the evening.

When the birds have been on this diet for three weeks, they should be in good flying condition and you can then give them what the Tippler men call a "feed-up" to see how they will do in a long fly. Three days before the fly day, give the birds Epsom salts in their drinking water. For instance, if the fly is to take place on a Sunday, give it to them on Wednesday evening. It should be given in the proportion of one teaspoonful of salts to a pint of water. Do not fly them between Wednesday and Sunday. Thursday evening, give them a feed of small seeds consisting of equal parts canary seed, millet, and rape. Repeat this diet on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Then on Sunday morning about an hour before release, give them a light feeding of the small seeds and a drink of water. If they are in good shape they will likely not want very much, but try to get them to take a drink anyway. Release them a few minutes after sunrise so that they will have all the daylight possible in which to do their flying. If the Tiplers are of a good strain and trained as above, they should fly a good long time for you.

In June 1946, we flew a kit of five young birds, trained as outlined in this article, over 16 hours. The droppers were thrown at 16 hours and 4 minutes, but the kit continued to fly right on into the dark and consequently we were disqualified in the race. The fly rules specify that a competitor must drop his birds and have the band numbers checked by the timer in order to qualify for time in the race. Fortunately, the birds all came home the following morning, but in very poor condition after their all-day fly and missing their feed at night.

To show that one colour flies as well as another for us, this kit was composed of a Mottle, Print, Dun Print, and Solid Yellow. Upon maturity, they turned out to be one cock and four hens.

This method of training has proven very successful for us and we hope that other fanciers will profit by it, too.

From NEBOJSA MILIC

On 11-30-1994, Nebojsa Milic wrote to Walter Wiechec as follows:

"I have found your address in American Pigeon Journal. I am very interested in Tippler pigeons. I had them in Jugoslavia before I moved to the U.S.A. in 1992. I would like to buy a couple pairs of the best quality, the ones that fly high. I do not have addresses or telephone numbers of any breeders who have Tipplers for sale. Please, could you send me names, addresses and telephone numbers and competition results for this year. I would be very happy if any of the members of the club send their offers and prices of their pigeons, blood lines, flying times, and characteristics of their pigeons.

Now, something about myself. I was born in 1956. I am familiar in pigeons since age of 11. At the beginning, I had only local high flying pigeons, Serbian High Flyers. In 1976, I started with Tipplers. In 1985, I became Secretary of YUTS (Yugoslavian Tippler Union). I left that position 2 years ago when I moved to the U.S.A. I had 2 blood lines, Hughes and Boden. My best flying time was 17:56, then 17:46, 17:20, 16:53, 16:22, 16:12, 15:15, and many below 15 and 14 hours. My best time for young birds was 14:10 in June 1992.

Could you please help me to get these addresses because I am really missing pigeons a lot. I really like to have them and get ready for competition. I would like to know how people here organize competitions. I wish you a lot of good luck in the next season.
Nash, Nebojsa Milic, 1225 Barnard Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89102. (702) 258-0081."

ADDRESSES NEEDED

The FTA does not have the correct current addresses of the following FTA members:

1. Harry Hunt (formerly of 56 Astoria Avenue, Toronto)
2. Edward C. Lodge (formerly of 311 Netherland Avenue, Staten Island, NY)
3. George de Saint Aubin (formerly of 6006 State Road, North Street, MI).

If you know the correct current address of any of the above, please send that address to the FTA's Secretary.

BARLEY

Barley in the hull is a wonderful training food for Flying Tipplers. For years, I (SRP) have tried to find a feed store that sold barley in the hull. The only place that one could buy it was from suppliers for the brewing industry, and the prices that they wanted were exorbitant, to say the least. Recently, I found a feed store that sells 100 pound bags of barley in the hull for less than \$8.00. I am anxious to use it to train my birds on this year.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Richard Kehrer, Bob Rugaber, Anton van Dalen, Ralph Britt, Tim Kvidera, Jerry O'Rourke and Stanley Ogozalek for their kind words of approval and appreciation, in recent months, of the services rendered to the FTA by S. R. Powell during his time as Secretary of the FTA.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW

Dues in the FTA are payable at the beginning of the calendar year: \$10 per membership. Mail your dues and band orders (\$5 for 25 bands) to: Walter Wiechec, 105 Clay Street, Buffalo, NY 14207. Phone: 716-873-0497.

TO PARTICIPATE IN AN FTA FLY

If you have never participated in an FTA fly and are now interested in doing so, the best thing for you to do would be to contact the Central Timer, Jerry O'Rourke. Jerry's address and phone number are as follows:

Jerry O'Rourke
201 Codman Road
Norwood, MA 02062
Phone: 617-769-5891

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series I - April 22/23

OLD BIRDSOFFICIAL SYSTEM

- O. Zovich (15:25) - FTA94-309, 317, 328, 350 and 2511. Five hens released at 554AM. Lights and Tumblers on at 9:19PM. 309 down at 919PM; 317 at 921PM; 350 at 922PM and 328 and 2511 down at 924PM with last bird in trap at 930PM. Timed by Smail Basic and witnessed by Harry J. Smith and David Dean.
- WEATHER:
Overcast, 34-45 Degrees. Barometer 30.5. Winds 20MPH from West. Humidity 75-85% with occasional light rain.
- TIMER'S COMMENTS:
The best kit that I have ever timed.

- S. Basic (14:05) - FTA94-293, 255 and 287. Three hens released at 553AM and all birds down together at 758PM with last bird in trap at 805PM. Timed by Oscar Zovich from 553AM to 2PM and by F. Mirzoagha from 2PM to 830PM.
- NO COMMENTS.

HONOR SYSTEM

- H. Smith (12:43) - OTU94-204, 217, 557 and 569. Four hens released at 600AM and Fantail droppers out at 643PM. All birds down at 645PM with last bird in trap at 647PM.
- WEATHER:
Fair, 10Degrees Celsius. Winds light and variable.
- FLYER'S COMMENTS:
I think I was more tired than the birds.
- J. O'Rourke (09:04) - FC93-26. FTA94-379, 366 and 373. Two cocks and two hens released at 612AM. 366 came down at 316PM and Droppers put out at 317PM. All remaining three birds came down reluctantly at 359PM with last bird in trap at 411PM.
- WEATHER:
Skies clear. 45-60 Degrees. Barometer 29.84. Winds from NW at 18 MPH and Humidity at 49%.
- FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Beautiful day for fly. Birds flew uncharacteristically low all day. Should have been up in the thermals. Birds locked up all Winter and only started up in middle of March. Almost unable to bring the last three birds down. They appeared to have plenty of fly left in them. Cut it very close. I suppose this is what makes flying Tipplers so interesting.

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Spring Fly I continued

A. Fuller - FTA94-2546 and 2547. 94FTS-4109. Hen, cock, hen released at 723AM and Droppers out at 346PM. First bird down at 346PM and other two birds down at 347PM with last bird in trap at 348PM.

WEATHER:

Sunrise at 626AM and Sunset at 733PM. Winds 10-15 MPH. Temperature 69-85 Degrees and Humidity at 78%. Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and David Fuller.

COMMENTS:

We got lucky. We held the kit til the front passed. The stiff wind and cooler temperature was just what we hoped for. Our 1st string kit was lost; ditto for the 2nd string. This kit was ignored and never flown over 3 hours in training. We got lucky! One day feedup: 1 oz. Hemp and 12 kernels of Popcorn at 730PM and $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. Rice at midnight.

J. Russo
(DSQD.)

ATU92-1381, ATU93-19 and ATU93-24. Three hens released at 532AM and Dropping Signal put out at 730PM. Birds did not come down. Overfly at 14 hours and 30 mins. Disqualified because birds not down and trapped within hour.

WEATHER:

Mostly sunny. 45-65 Degrees. Barometer at 29.95 and winds from NW at 20 MPH. Humidity at 54%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds were going to land at 730PM until stray bird came along and took them up again. As it got darker the birds went higher. Five came back Monday morning. Lost ATU93-24.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Certainly a shame after such a great fly. Had a note from Joe regarding Rule 8 Liberation of kit no earlier than half hour prior to Sunrise. Would like to see it change to one hour before Sunrise same as FTS and ATU.

I have forwarded his request on to President Tim Kvidera for his action.

No further entrants.

cc: O. Zovich
S. Basic
H. Smith
A. Fuller
J. Russo
T. Kvidera
S. Robert Powell for publication in Bulletin.

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THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series II - May 6/7

Old BirdsOFFICIAL SYSTEM

- O. Zovich - FTA94-132,133,138,318 and 336. Five cocks released at 532AM
(15:59) Lights and Tumblers at 931PM. Four birds down at 932PM and
133 down at 936PM with last bird in trap at 940PM.
Timed by Farzin Mirzoagha from 532AM to 5PM and by S. Basic
from 430PM to 940PM. Witnessed by David Dean.

WEATHER:

Clear. 36-65 Degrees. Barometer 101.30. Winds from NE at
10-15 MPH and Humidity at 35%..

TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew well all day.

HONOR SYSTEM

- L. Kapac - FTA93-1131. FTA94-629 and 635. Three hens released at 535AM
(15:07) Lighta and West of England Tumblers out at 842PM. One down at
847PM and other two at 848PM with last bird in trap at 849PM.
Witnessed by Zlatko Kireta.

WEATHER:

Mainly Sunny. 15 Degrees C. Barometer 102.2. Winds 10 Kmh.
Humidity at 40%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Perfect day to fly. I have a 2 year old hen in the kit that
I was worried about, but she came through with flying colors.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Luka, sounds like a little pun there. (she came through with
flying colors.)

- J. Russo - ATU92-1381. ATU93-19, 24. ATU94-9,24. Five hens released
(14:20) at 515AM. Dropper signal out after two birds dropped at 736PM
Two birds down at 735PM and other three at 737PM with last bird
in trap at 747PM.

WEATHER:

Partly sunny. 56-65 Degrees. Barometer 29.87. Wind from NW at
17 MPH and Humidity at 59%..

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew low all day. very windy. I was very pleased with
them today.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

In the Spring I Series, I inadvertently left off 3 of Joe's
birds in the listing. He flew 6 Hens in the Series not 3.
Thank you, Joe, for bringing this to my attention. I just
wanted to see if you were paying attention. Incidentally.
Joe advises that ATU93-23, the Print, returned to his Loft.

Spring Series II - continued.

- H. Smith - OTU94-204, 217, 557 and 569. Four hens released at 535AM.
(13:18) Fantail Droppers out at 653PM. All down together at 654PM with last bird in trap at 655PM.
WEATHER:
Partly cloudy in AM. Fair in PM. Winds light and variable. Witnessed by Oskar Zovich for part of time.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds flew well all day, then at the end they became very sloppy. Hence the dropper thrown.
- G. Hulst - FTA94-1599. FTA93-1066. FTA94-1595. Cock, cock, hen, re-
(13:14) leased at 601AM. Thief Pouter Dropper out at 715PM and all down together at 715PM with last bird in trap at 802PM.
WEATHER:
Clear. 40-70 Degrees. Barometer 30.5. Winds light from west. Low Humidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
These three birds flew 11 hours last Saturday with FTS. The weather was very nice. Could have used more wind in late PM. They flew high all AM, up and down all PM.
CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
Gary also notes that he is stuck on Tipplers. He says that this is his personal best time. I wish you many more of them, Gary.
- J.O'Rourke - FTA93-945. FTA94-366. FC93-26. Three cocks released at 546AM
(06:34) Two dropped down at 1220PM and third at 1221PM with last bird in trap at 1223PM. I had put out the Tumbler Droppers at 1220PM.
WEATHER:
Too windy. Clear, Sunny. 45-60 Degrees. Barometer 29.92. Winds from NW at 25-30 MPH with gusts. Humidity 26%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Wind became very strong after I let birds out. They flew low all AM. They tried to come down on Loft twice and winds swept them up again. I felt they had enough and I threw Dropper. They responded faster than they ever had previously. They wanted inside badly.
- A. Fuller - FTA94-2546 and 2547 and FTS94-4109. Hen, cock, hen all re-
(DSQd.) leased at 613AM. Kormorner Tumbler Droppers released at 12:16PM after first bird came down, the other two returned at dusk. Last bird in trap at 748PM.
Disqualified as one bird split and dropped while other continued and did not trap within hour.
WEATHER:
Clear. 71-88 Degrees. Winds SE 10-15 MPH and Humidity 77%. Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and David Fuller.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
The kit looked good for 2½ hours, then seemed to go sluggishly for 4 hours until the first bird dropped - don't know what happened - same feedup sequence as last fly, but no go this time.

No other entrants.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series III - May 20/21

OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

- G. Hulst - FTA94-1599. FTA93-1066 and FTA94-1595. C,C,H released at (13:03) 545AM. Thief Pouter Droppers out at 648PM and all down together at 648PM with last bird in trap at 715PM.
WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. 50-70 DEgrees. Barometer 29.8. Winds from SW to W at 10-15 MPH and low Humidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds didn't fly very good in the AM. Cold front went through at Noon then they flew very nice. I was hoping for a personal best, but they just quit 11 minutes too soon. Will try to get these three ready for the long day fly. Thanks for a great report.
- A. Fuller - FTA94-2546 and 2547. FTS94-4103. H, C, H released at 542AM. (DQ) Tossed Droppers at 747PM. First bird down at 820PM and the other two birds dropped in tree til next AM and trapped early that day.
Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and David Fuller.
Disqualified because unable to trap all three within hour.
WEATHER:
Clear. 63-82 Degrees. Winds 10-15 KTS and Humidity at 61%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
A fabulous failed fly, the best attempt we couldn't count. We're on the right track - Look out next year!
- J. O'Rourke - FTA94-373 and 379. FC93-24. Three hens released at 535AM (DQ) and all three down together at 445PM. Two trapped almost immediately, but the third trapped at 605PM, twenty minutes too late.
Disqualified because unable to trap within hour.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Hated to DQ myself, but happy with this fly as this is my number 2 Kit in their first competition. The third bird just stayed out too long and would not trap on time. Nevertheless they flew well all day. weather was great all day.

No other entrants.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series I - June 3/4

YOUNG BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

J. Russo - ATU94-13 Black Hen, ATU94-24 Yellow Hen and ATU94-32 Blue
(DQ) Bar Hen. All released at 433AM and all down together at
12:54PM with last bird in trap at 148PM.
Timed by Edward Mahlstadt.
This fly is disqualified because this is supposed to be
a Young Bird fly. Flyer also released birds too early.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 68-80 Degrees. Barometer 29.88. Winds at
10 MPH and Humidity at 81%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Too much humidity, not enough wind.

No other entrants.

A note to all members from the Central Timer:

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cc: T. Kvldera
J. Russo
✓ S. R. Powell

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Summer Series I - June 3/4

YOUNG BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

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THE 20 BEST OVERALL FLYING TIMES IN FTA HISTORY

Old Birds, Young Birds and Any Age Birds

OBYBAAOFFICIAL SYSTEM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Birds</u>
1.	18:05*	M. Beat	Summer II	1992	AA
2.	16:50	O. Zovich	Summer II	1992	AA
3.	16:49	O. Zovich	Summer II	1991	AA
4.	16:31	O. Zovich	Summer II	1984	AA
5.	16:24	S. Basic	Spring III	1992	OB
6.	16:23	O. Zovich	Summer II	1985	AA
7.	16:21	A. Lukez	Spring III	1985	OB
8.	16:20	A. Lukez	Summer II	1990	AA
9.	16:13	L. Kapac	Summer II	1993	AA
10.	16:12	O. Zovich	Spring III	1992	OB
11.	16:10	A. Lukez	Spring III	1984	OB
12.	16:09	M. Kobulsky	Summer II	1985	AA
13.	16:03	M. Kobulsky	Summer II	1988	AA
14.	16:02**	G. Chater	Summer III	1985	YB
15.	16:00	G. Chater	Spring III	1984	OB
	16:00	O. Zovich	Spring II	1992	OB
16.	15:47	D. Kinnear	Spring II	1986	OB
	15:47	S. Basic	Summer I	1988	YB
17.	15:46	R. Seabridge	Summer II	1983	AA
18.	15:45	S. Bliszczy	Summer II	1977	AA
19.	15:40	O. Zovich	Spring II	1986	OB
	15:40	R. Seabridge	Spring III	1986	OB
20.	15:39	O. Zovich	Spring II	1989	OB
	15:39	M. Kobulsky	Summer II	1989	AA

* - FTA, United States and North American Record

** - FTA Young Bird record, Official System.

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<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Birds</u>
1.	16:03	M. Beat	Summer II	1990	AA
2.	15:46	T. Kvidera	Summer II	1979	AA
3.	15:41*	A. Lukez	Summer I	1988	YB
4.	15:35	F. Ratel	Summer III	1980	YB
5.	15:32	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1981	YB
	15:32	M. Kobulsky	Spring III	1990	OB
	15:32	H. Ahmadi	Spring II	1994	OB
6.	15:17	S. Ferguson	Spring III	1980	OB
7.	15:12	T. Kvidera	Spring III	1976	OB
	15:12	S. Ferguson	Spring II	1979	OB
8.	15:11	A. Rajabnik	Summer II	1992	AA
9.	15:08	S. Ogozalek	Spring III	1993	OB
10.	15:07	E. R. Ball	Spring III	1974	OB
11.	15:01	R. Kehrer	Spring II	1994	OB
12.	14:51	E. R. Ball	Spring II	1975	OB
13.	14:48	M. Kobulsky	Summer I	1988	YB
14.	14:44	R. Bauman	Summer II	1984	AA
15.	14:38	K. Zamanian	Summer II	1988	AA
	14:38	S. Ogozalek	Spring II	1990	OB
16.	14:34	H. Ahmadi	Summer II	1985	AA
17.	14:30	S. Ferguson	Spring I	1980	OB
18.	14:21	R. Kehrer	Spring I	1993	OB
19.	14:20	T. Mirseyedi	Spring III	1993	OB
20.	14:17	H. Johnson	Summer II	1977	AA

* - Young Bird record in Honor System

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OLD BIRDS
OFFICIAL SYSTEM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year</u>
1.	16:24	S. Basic	Spring III	1992
2.	16:21	A. Lukez	Spring III	1985
3.	16:12	O. Zovich	Spring III	1992
4.	16:10	A. Lukez	Spring III	1984
5.	16:00	G. Chater	Spring III	1984
	16:00	O. Zovich	Spring II	1992
6.	15:47	D. Kinneer	Spring II	1986
7.	15:40	O. Zovich	Spring II	1986
	15:40	R. Seabridge	Spring III	1986
8.	15:39	O. Zovich	Spring II	1989
9.	15:30	M. Kobulsky	Spring III	1988
10.	15:26	O. Zovich	Spring III	1994
11.	15:22	M. Kobulsky	Spring II	1990
	15:22	H. Ahmadi	Spring III	1993
12.	15:20	M. Beat	Spring II	1992
13.	15:17	H. Ahmadi	Spring II	1993
14.	15:16	J. Mead	Spring II	1985
	15:16	O. Zovich	Spring I	1988
15.	15:15	J.M. Rounbehler	Spring III	1974
16.	15:12	M. Kobulsky	Spring II	1986
	15:12	G. Chater	Spring I	1987
17.	15:10	J. Mead	Spring II	1987
	15:10	O. Zovich	Spring I	1989
18.	15:08	J. Mead	Spring III	1989
19.	15:07	S. Ogozalek	Spring III	1986
20.	15:06	O. Zovich	Spring I	1987

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OLD BIRDSHONOR SYSTEM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year</u>
1.	15:32	M. Kobulsky	Spring III	1990
	15:32	H. Ahmadi	Spring II	1994
2.	15:17	S. Ferguson	Spring III	1980
3.	15:12	T. Kvildera	Spring III	1976
	15:12	S. Ferguson	Spring II	1979
4.	15:08	S. Ogozalek	Spring III	1993
5.	15:07	E. Ball	Spring III	1974
6.	15:01	R. Kehrer	Spring II	1994
7.	14:51	E. Ball	Spring II	1975
8.	14:38	S. Ogozalek	Spring II	1990
9.	14:30	S. Ferguson	Spring I	1980
10.	14:21	R. Kehrer	Spring I	1993
11.	14:20	T. Mirseyedi	Spring III	1993
12.	14:16	F. Ratel	Spring III	1978
13.	14:14	S. R. Powell	Spring III	1987
14.	14:00	S. Brozyna	Spring II	1988
15.	13:58	B. Conboy	Spring I	1975
16.	13:52	E. Ball	Spring I	1975
17.	13:48	J. Smith	Spring III	1976
18.	13:47	E. Buraczewski	Spring III	1985
19.	13:45	S. Ratel	Spring II	1980
20.	13:36	R. Kehrer	Spring I	1992

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YOUNG BIRDSOFFICIAL SYSTEM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year</u>
1.	16:02	G. Chater	Summer III	1985
2.	15:47	S. Basic	Summer I	1988
3.	15:20	S. Basic	Summer I	1986
4.	15:08	S. Basic	Summer I	1989
5.	14:38	G. Chater	Summer III	1984
6.	14:37	M. Kobulsky	Summer III	1988
7.	14:24	S. Basic	Summer I	1985
8.	14:20	G. Chater	Summer I	1985
9.	13:59	A. Lukez	Summer III	1989
10.	13:55	K. Zamanian	Summer III	1988
11.	13:26	D. Kinneer	Summer I	1985
12.	13:25	B. Rotschi	Summer I	1983
13.	13:03	S. Basic	Summer I	1983
14.	12:54	S. Basic	Summer I	1981
15.	12:46	S. Basic	Summer III	1994
16.	12:42	S. Basic	Summer I	1992
17.	12:27	O. Zovich	Summer III	1984
18.	12:23	S. Basic	Summer III	1992
19.	12:11	B. Kennedy	Summer I	1972
20.	12:07	R. Seabridge	Summer I	1975
	12:07	S. Ogozalek	Summer III	1985

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YOUNG BIRDSHONOR SYSTEM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	15:41	A. Lukez	Summer I	1988
2.	15:35	F. Ratel	Summer III	1980
3.	15:32	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1981
4.	14:48	M. Kobulsky	Summer I	1988
5.	13:45	A. Lukez	Summer III	1984
6.	13:35	F. Ratel	Summer III	1978
7.	13:32	M. Beedie	Summer III	1984
8.	11:29	R. Asencio	Summer III	1980
9.	11:28	T. Mirseyedi	Summer I	1993
10.	11:24	T. Kvidera	Summer I	1979
11.	11:18	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1994
12.	11:11	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1992
13.	11:04	G. Hulst	Summer I	1993
14.	10:26	R. Asencio	Summer III	1982
15.	10:12	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1974
16.	09:57	H. Ahmadi	Summer III	1985
17.	09:39	T. Kvidera	Summer I	1980
18.	09:35	F. Ratel	Summer I	1978
19.	09:20	J. Smith	Summer III	1980
20.	09:12	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1976

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ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year</u>
1.	18:05*	M. Beat	Summer II	1992
2.	16:50	O. Zovich	Summer II	1992
3.	16:49	O. Zovich	Summer II	1991
4.	16:31	O. Zovich	Summer II	1984
5.	16:23	O. Zovich	Summer II	1985
6.	16:20	A. Lukex	Summer II	1990
7.	16:13	L. Kapac	Summer II	1993
8.	16:09	M. Kobulsky	Summer II	1986
9.	16:03	M. Kobulsky	Summer II	1988
10.	15:46	R. Seabridge	Summer II	1983
11.	15:45	S. Bliszczy	Summer II	1977
12.	15:39	M. Kobulsky	Summer II	1989
13.	15:29	S. Harris	Summer II	1991
14.	15:14	D. Kinnear	Summer II	1985
15.	15:12	M. Beat	Summer II	1991
16.	15:10	R. Seabridge	Summer II	1984
17.	15:07	A. Lukez	Summer II	1982
18.	14:38	S. Basic	Summer II	1992
19.	13:43	G. Chater	Summer II	1982
20.	13:09	R. Seabridge	Summer II	1975

*- FTA Record and North American Record

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ANY AGE BIRDSHONOR SYSTEM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year</u>
1.	16:03	M. Beat	Summer II	1990
2.	15:46	T. Kvidera	Summer II	1979
3.	15:11	A. Rajabnik	Summer II	1992
4.	14:44	M. Bauman	Summer II	1984
5.	14:38	K. Zamanian	Summer II	1988
6.	14:34	H. Ahmadi	Summer II	1985
7.	14:17	H. Johnson	Summer II	1977
8.	14:05	L. Brozyna	Summer II	1982
9.	14:00	F. Ratel	Fall I	1979
10.	13:40	F. Ratel	Summer II	1979
11.	13:32	E. Buraczewski	Summer II	1978
12.	13:10	F. Ratel	Fall III	1980
13.	13:08	F. Ratel	Summer II	1980
14.	12:55	S. Ferguson	Summer II	1980
15.	12:45	A. Lukez	Fall III	1987
16.	12:07	T. Mirseyedi	Summer II	1993
17.	11:55	T. Kvidera	Summer II	1992
18.	11:53	M. Kobulsky	Fall III	1987
19.	11:50	J. Smith	Fall I	1976
	11:50	J. Smith	Fall II	1976
	11:50	D. Payne	Fall II	1977
20.	11:38	F. Ratel	Fall II	1978

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SPRING I SERIES

Old Birdsofficial System

1. 15:16 O. Zovich, 1988
2. 15:12 G. Chater, 1987
3. 15:10 O. Zovich, 1989
4. 15:06 O. Zovich, 1987
5. 15:05 W. Kahlert, 1986
6. 15:03 O. Zovich, 1986
7. 15:02 O. Zovich, 1985
8. 14:55 J. Mead, 1985
9. 14:54 O. Zovich, 1984
10. 14:51 S. Baci, 1988
11. 14:50 S. Harris, 1991
12. 14:45 G. Chater, 1984
13. 14:36 J. Mead, 1987
14. 14:31 J. Prochilo, 1974
15. 14:28 R. Seabridge, 1984
16. 14:23 H. Ahmadi, 1993
17. 14:11 B. Rotschi, 1974
18. 14:07 R. Seabridge, 1986
19. 14:05 R. Lukez, 1982
20. 14:04 R. Lukez, 1984

Honor System

1. 14:30 S. Ferguson, 1980
2. 14:21 R. Kehrer, 1993
3. 13:58 B. Conboy, 1975
4. 13:52 E. Ball, 1975
5. 13:36 R. Kehrer, 1992
6. 13:25 F. Ratel, 1979
7. 13:18 J. Smith, 1981
8. 12:52 R. Seabridge, 1978
9. 12:35 M. Beat, 1990
10. 12:07 H. Johnson, 1978
11. 12:03 M. Franz, 1985
12. 12:00 R. Prisco, 1975
13. 11:45 S. Ferguson, 1979
14. 11:20 F. Ratel, 1980
15. 11:17 T. Kvidera, 1977
- 11:17 M. Franz, 1984
16. 10:40 R. Mentel, 1985
17. 10:30 G. Cant, 1981
18. 10:21 S. R. Powell, 1990
19. 10:07 P. Rado, 1990
20. 9:54 J. O'Rourke, 1994

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SPRING SERIES II

OLD BIRDSOFFICIAL

1.	16:00	O. Zovich, 1992
2.	15:47	D. Kinneer, 1986
3.	15:40	O. Zovich, 1986
4.	15:39	O. Zovich, 1989
5.	15:26	O. Zovich, 1994
6.	15:22	M. Kobulsky, 1990
7.	15:20	M. Beat, 1992
8.	15:17	H. Ahmadi, 1993
9.	15:16	J. Mead, 1985
10.	15:12	M. Kobulsky, 1986
11.	15:10	J. Mead, 1987
12.	15:08	J. Mead, 1989
13.	15:07	S. Ogozalek, 1986
14.	15:02	S. Harris, 1991
15.	15:00	W. Tomsic, 1986
16.	14:47	A. Lukez, 1983
17.	14:45	A. Lukez, 1982
18.	14:34	J&M Rounbehler, 1974
19.	14:26	L. Kapac, 1994
20.	14:10	R. Seabridge, 1977

HONOR

1.	15:32	H. Ahmadi, 1994
2.	15:12	S. Ferguson, 1979
3.	15:01	R. Kehrer, 1994
4.	14:51	E. Ball, 1975
5.	14:38	S. Ogozalek, 1990
6.	14:00	S. Brozyna, 1988
7.	13:45	S. Ratel, 1980
8.	13:20	R. Seabridge, 1978
9.	12:35	H. Johnson, 1978
10.	12:34	S. Ogozalek, 1994
11.	12:28	J. Smith, 1981
12.	12:22	T. Kvidera, 1975
13.	12:12	M. Franz, 1985
14.	11:48	R. Kehrer, 1993
15.	11:31	S.R. Powell, 1987
16.	11:23	P. Rado, 1990
17.	11:15	S. R. Powell, 1990
18.	10:41	D. Peters, 1978
	10:41	J. O'Rourke, 1994
19.	10:30	S. Ferguson, 1980
20.	10:12	F. Ratel, 1978

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THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SPRING SERIES III

OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL			HONOR		
1.	16:24	S. Basic, 1992	1.	15:32	M. Kobulsky, 1990
2.	16:21	A. Lukez, 1985	2.	15:17	S. Ferguson, 1980
3.	16:12	O. Zovich, 1992	3.	15:12	T. Kvidera, 1976
4.	16:10	A. Lukez, 1984	4.	15:08	S. Ogozalek, 1993
5.	16:00	G. Chater, 1984	5.	15:07	E. Ball, 1974
6.	15:40	R. Seabridge, 1986	6.	14:20	T. Mirseyedi, 1993
7.	15:30	M. Kobulsky, 1988	7.	14:16	S. Ratel, 1978
8.	15:22	H. Ahmadi, 1993	8.	14:14	S. R. Powell, 1987
9.	15:15	J&M Rounbehler, 1974	9.	13:48	J. Smith, 1976
10.	15:02	L. Brozyna, 1985	10.	13:47	E. Buraczewski, 1985
11.	14:12	W. Tomsic, 1984	11.	13:25	B. Conboy, 1975
12.	13:58	S. Harris, 1991	12.	13:20	M. Kobulsky, 1992
13.	13:48	O. Zovich, 1986	13.	13:02	E. Buraczewski, 1977
14.	13:44	H. Keay, 1992	14.	12:59	J. Smith, 1981
15.	13:35	R. Seabridge, 1982	15.	12:42	E. Young, 1993
16.	13:31	R. Seabridge, 1976	16.	12:19	J. O'Rourke, 1991
17.	13:28	G. Chater, 1982	17.	11:40	E. Buraczewski, 1981
18.	13:18	S. Bliszczy, 1976	18.	11:30	S. R. Powell, 1989
19.	13:12	O. Zovich, 1982	19.	11:17	E. Brozyna, 1983
20.	13:08	S. Ogozalek, 1982	20.	11:09	T. Kvidera, 1979

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER I SERIES

Young BirdsOFFICIAL

1.	15:47	S. Basic, 1988
2.	15:20	S. Basic, 1986
3.	15:08	S. Basic, 1989
4.	14:24	S. Basic, 1985
5.	14:20	G. Chater, 1985
6.	13:26	D. Kinnear, 1985
7.	13:25	B. Rotschi, 1983
8.	13:03	S. Basic, 1983
9.	12:54	S. Basic, 1981
10.	12:42	S. Basic, 1992
11.	12:11	B. Kennedy, 1972
12.	12:07	R. Seabridge, 1975
13.	12:02	E. Buraczewski, 1975
14.	11:03	V. Jendzo, 1968
15.	9:50	S. Basic, 1987
16.	9:32	G. Chater, 1984
17.	9:28	A. Lukez, 1980
18.	9:24	M. Beedie, 1982
19.	9:20	S. Ogozalek, 1981
20.	8:15	C. Heath, 1972

HONOR

1.	15:41	A. Lukez, 1988
2.	14:48	M. Kobulsky, 1988
3.	11:28	T. Mirseyedi, 1993
4.	11:24	T. Kvidera, 1979
5.	11:04	G. Hulst, 1993
6.	9:39	T. Kvidera, 1980
7.	9:35	F. Ratel, 1978
8.	8:57	R. Asencio, 1980
9.	8:55	T. Kvidera, 1983
10.	8:31	D. Bortell, 1973
11.	8:04	L. Brozyna, 1986
12.	7:56	T. Kvidera, 1975
13.	7:50	T. Kvidera, 1976
14.	7:23	R. Strain, 1981
15.	7:02	T. Kvidera, 1978
16.	5:53	P. Hagan, 1970
17.	5:34	S. R. Powell, 1987
18.	5:32	L. Brozyna, 1984
19.	4:42	N. Shirakbari, 1973
20.	4:27	J. Kelley, 1973

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES II

Long Day Fly - ANY Age Birds

OFFICIAL

1.	18:05	M. Beat, 1992*
2.	16:50	O. Zovich, 1992
3.	16:49	O. Zovich, 1991
4.	16:31	O. Zovich, 1984
5.	16:23	O. Zovich, 1985
6.	16:20	A. Lukez, 1990
7.	16:13	L. Kapac, 1993
8.	16:09	M. Kobulsky, 1986
9.	16:03	M. Kobulsky, 1988
10.	15:46	R. Seabridge, 1983
11.	15:45	S. Bliszczy, 1977
12.	15:39	M. Kobulsky, 1989
13.	15:29	S. Harris, 1991
14.	15:14	D. Kinnear, 1985
15.	15:12	M. Beat, 1991
16.	15:10	R. Seabridge, 1984
17.	15:07	A. Lukez, 1982
18.	14:38	S. Basic, 1992
19.	13:43	G. Chater, 1982
20.	13:09	R. Seabridge, 1975

HONOR

1.	16:03	M. Beat, 1990
2.	15:46	T. Kvidera, 1979
3.	15:11	A. Rajabnik, 1992
4.	14:44	M. Bauman, 1984
5.	14:38	K. Zamanian, 1988
6.	14:34	H. Ahmadi, 1985
7.	14:17	H. Johnson, 1977
8.	14:05	L. Brozyna, 1982
9.	13:40	F. Ratel, 1979
10.	13:32	E. Buraczewski, 1978
11.	13:08	F. Ratel, 1980
12.	12:55	S. Ferguson, 1980
13.	12:07	T. Mirseyedi, 1993
14.	11:55	T. Kvidera, 1992
15.	11:29	S. Bliszczy, 1975
16.	11:05	R. Asencio, 1980
17.	11:04	J. O'Rourke, 1990
18.	10:42	R. Strain, 1980
19.	10:39	M. Markovic, 1980
20.	10:33	T. Kvidera, 1978

* - Old Bird Record

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES III

Young BirdsOFFICIAL

1.	16:02	G. Chater, 1985 *
2.	14:38	G. Chater, 1984
3.	14:37	M. Kobulsky, 1988
4.	13:59	A. Lukez, 1989
5.	13:55	K. Zamanian, 1988
6.	12:46	S. Basic, 1994
7.	12:27	O. Zovich, 1984
8.	12:23	S. Basic, 1992
9.	12:07	S. Ogozalek, 1985
10.	11:30	D. Kinnear, 1984
11.	11:23	M. Kobulsky, 1985
12.	8:15	D. Borchers, 1982
13.	8:07	R. Rotschi, 1974
14.	7:39	M. Kobulsky, 1986
15.	7:28	J. Prochilo, 1974
16.	7:27	A. Lukez, 1980
17.	7:03	Knight's Loft, 1967
18.	6:45	W. Kahlert, 1984
19.	5:55	S. Randall, 1969
20.	5:54	D. Zink, 1975

HONOR

1.	15:35	F. Ratel, 1980
2.	15:32	T. Kvidera, 1981
3.	13:45	A. Lukez, 1984
4.	13:35	F. Ratel, 1978
5.	13:32	M. Beedie, 1984
6.	11:29	R. Asencio, 1980
7.	11:18	T. Kvidera, 1994
8.	11:11	T. Kvidera, 1992
9.	10:26	R. Asencio, 1982
10.	10:12	T. Kvidera, 1974
11.	9:57	H. Ahmadi, 1985
12.	9:20	J. Smith, 1980
13.	9:12	T. Kvidera, 1976
14.	8:32	T. Kvidera, 1979
15.	8:31	H. Ahmadi, 1993
16.	7:35	R. Asencio, 1981
17.	6:52	S. R. Powell, 1987
18.	6:47	W. Tomsic, 1980
19.	5:49	T. Kvidera, 1982
20.	5:41	J. Smith, 1975

* Denotes Young Bird Record

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - FALL SERIES I

Any Age BirdsOFFICIAL SYSTEM

1.	13:01	F. Mirzaagha, 1992
2.	13:00	W. Kahlert, 1985
3.	12:59	J. Mead, 1984
4.	12:47	R. Seabridge, 1985
5.	12:25	S. Basic, 1986
6.	12:19	M. Kobulsky, 1986
7.	12:15	J. Mead, 1982
8.	12:08	O. Zovich, 1985
9.	12:02	O. Zovich, 1982
10.	11:50	H. Bampfield, 1973
11.	11:42	J. Mead, 1987
12.	11:38	R. Kennedy, 1973
13.	11:34	H. Langley, 1985
14.	11:21	G. Chater, 1985
15.	11:11	W. Tomsic, 1979
16.	11:01	V. Jendzo, 1969
	11:01	O. Zovich, 1988
17.	10:53	O. Zovich, 1984
18.	10:04	M. Markovic, 1982
19.	10:00	D. Peric, 1982
20.	9:26	B. Conboy, 1972

HONOR SYSTEM

1.	14:00	F. Ratel, 1979
2.	11:50	J. Smith, 1976
3.	11:00	H. Johnson, 1977
4.	10:49	T. Kvidera, 1982
5.	10:41	J. Smith, 1980
6.	10:33	J. Contala, 1983
7.	10:12	N. Shirakbari, 1974
	10:12	F. Ratel, 1978
8.	10:07	F. Ratel, 1980
9.	10:05	S. Powell, 1989
10.	9:53	T. Kvidera, 1979
11.	9:50	G. Cant, 1980
12.	9:24	R. Mentel, 1984
13.	9:23	A. Lukez, 1980
14.	9:14	T. Kvidera, 1985
15.	8:50	J. Smith, 1981
16.	8:47	H. Kogan, 1992
17.	8:35	E. Buraczewski, 1977
18.	8:22	G. Hulst, 1993
19.	7:53	H. Kogan, 1994
20.	7:43	T. Kvidera, 1976

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THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - FALL SERIES II

Any Age BirdsOFFICIAL SYSTEM

1.	12:34	J. Mead, 1984
2.	12:30	W. H. Kahlert, 1984
3.	12:21	R. Seabridge, 1985
4.	12:19	A. Lukez, 1989
5.	12:17	R. Seabridge, 1980
6.	12:06	W. H. Kahlert, 1985
7.	12:00	J. Mead, 1982
8.	11:34	H. Bampffield, 1973
9.	11:29	W. Tomsic, 1985
10.	11:26	R. Seabridge, 1981
11.	11:07	J. M. Rounbehler, 1972
	11:07	R. Mentel, 1984
12.	11:05	S. Bliszczy, 1976
13.	11:01	M. Kobulsky, 1985
14.	10:59	E. Asencio, 1982
15.	10:52	D. Zink, 1973
16.	10:17	J&P Ehli, 1969
17.	10:14	B. Conboy, 1972
	10:14	D. Zink, 1975
18.	10:06	B. Conboy, 1973
19.	9:55	H. Langley, 1985
20.	5:55	A. Lukez, 1985

HONOR SYSTEM

1.	12:23	H. Johnson, 1977
2.	11:50	J. Smith, 1976
	11:50	D. Payne, 1977
3.	11:38	F. Ratel, 1978
4.	11:35	J. Russo, 1994
5.	11:30	F. Ratel, 1980
6.	11:26	E. R. Ball, 1973
7.	11:21	M. Franz, 1986
8.	11:09	M. Franz, 1984
9.	11:07	G. Hulst, 1993
10.	10:50	S. Powell, 1987
11.	10:42	E. Buraczewski, 1974
12.	10:38	T. Kvidera, 1976
13.	10:30	J. Smith, 1975
14.	10:22	T. Kvidera, 1984
15.	10:06	S. Bliszczy, 1975
16.	10:03	J. Smith, 1975
17.	9:25	N. Shirakbari, 1974
18.	9:11	T. Mirseyedi, 1992
19.	9:04	W. Tomsic, 1979
20.	9:02	T. Murphy, 1993

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THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - FALL SERIES III

Any Age BirdsOFFICIAL

1.	12:05	R. Seabr.	1985
2.	12:02	R. Seabr.	1980
3.	12:01	R. Seabr.	1983
4.	11:57	J. Mead,	
5.	11:48	M. Kobulsky,	
6.	11:47	M. Kobulsky	
7.	11:36	L. Brozyna,	1984
8.	11:35	G. Chater,	1985
	11:35	W. Tomsic,	1985
9.	11:33	S. Ogozalek,	1983
10.	11:26	S. Ogozalek,	1982
11.	11:25	J&M Rounbehler,	1974
12.	11:23	R. Seabridge,	1981
13.	11:19	H. Bampfield,	1973
14.	11:12	E. Borchers,	1982
15.	11:09	L. Witterich,	1982
16.	10:58	B. Rotschi,	1973
17.	10:53	D. Zink,	1973
18.	10:35	J. Prochilo,	1973
19.	10:34	J&P Ehli,	1969
20.	10:31	D. Zink,	1974

HONOR

1.	13:10	F. Ratel,	1980
2.	12:45	A. Lukez,	1987
3.	11:53	M. Kobulsky,	1987
4.	11:45	D. Kinnear,	1980
5.	11:34	M. Franz,	1987
6.	11:14	W. Tomsic,	1971
7.	11:12	M. Franz,	1985
8.	11:10	D. Payne,	1977
9.	11:00	F. Ratel,	1978
10.	10:58	M. Franz,	1984
11.	10:55	H. Johnson,	1977
12.	10:41	N. Shirakbari,	1974
13.	10:30	J. Smith,	1975
14.	10:25	E. R. Ball,	1973
15.	10:20	W. Kahlert,	1982
16.	10:14	T. Kvidera,	1984
17.	10:06	T. Kvidera,	1991
18.	10:00	B. Conboy,	1974
19.	9:57	G. Poirier,	1976
	9:57	J. Smith,	1979
20.	9:49	T. Mirseyedi,	1992

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - THE FALL STOCK FLY
(8 or more Birds)

1994

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

1. 11:34 M. Kobulsky, 1989
2. 11:27 G. Chater, 1986
3. 11:25 D. Kinnear, 1985
4. 11:17 A. Lukez, 1983
5. 11:12 M. Kobulsky, 1987
6. 10:53 O. Zovich, 1987
7. 10:50 D. Kinnear, 1984
8. 10:44 H. Langley, 1984
9. 10:35 O. Zovich, 1983
10. 10:21 L. Witterich, 1985
11. 10:20 F. Ratel, 1978
12. 10:19 S. Basic, 1987
13. 9:14 W. Tomsic, 1983
14. 9:06 G. Chater, 1981
15. 8:54 W. Tomsic, 1980
16. 8:29 O. Zovich, 1982
17. 7:26 D. Kinnear, 1982
18. 6:32 G. Chater, 1985
19. 5:29 D. Petric, 1982
20. Open

HONOR SYSTEM

1. 11:03 J. Smith, 1980
2. 10:50 M. Markovic, 1980
3. 10:31 M. Franz, 1987
4. 9:22 M. Franz, 1986
5. 9:03 M. Franz, 1985
6. 8:46 H. Ahmadi, 1984
7. 8:37 M. Franz, 1984
8. 8:27 D. Payne, 1977
9. 8:26 M. Franz, 1983
10. 8:22 S. Ogozalek, 1979
11. 8:19 G. Hulst, 1993
12. 8:15 F. Ratel, 1980
13. 8:08 D. Payne, 1976
14. 8:04 A. Lukez, 1980
15. 7:58 D. Kinnear, 1980
16. 6:35 E. Young, 1992
17. 6:04 J. Smith, 1979
18. 5:43 J. O'Rourke, 1994
19. 5:06 A. Fuller, 1993
20. 4:05 J. O'Rourke, 1993

FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

BULLETIN

June, 1995

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the membership for expressing confidence in re-electing me to the post of FTA president. The March Bulletin published the results of the last election. Thanks again members for taking the time to get involved and voting. There were numerous capable candidates. As published there were a few offices which had multiple individuals receiving equal winning vote tallies. I have contacted those involved and resolved the affected positions resulting in the following slate of officers.

President — Tim Kvidera
Eastern Vice President — Ed Buraczewski
Western Vice President — Hamid Ahmadi
Treasurer — Walter Wiechec
Central Timer — Jerry O'Rourke
Publicity Director — Howard Kogan and Smail Basic
Board Of Directors — Michael Beat, Stanley Ogozalek,
 S. Robert Powell, Wayne Tomsic, Oskar Zovich

I have listed two as Publicity Directors. Both are willing to serve, and we can use all the publicity that they can generate.

You will note that I have not listed a Secretary. Although there were numerous capable individuals listed on the ballot, none of that group are able to serve in the Secretary position at this time. We are in dire need of a volunteer to step forward and accept the post. The Secretary is a major player in the direction of the club. Walter has agreed to maintain the Treasurer's duties (receiving dues, band orders, etc.)/ We need someone who enjoys corresponding with members and prospective members, can edit and publish the quarterly Bulletin and help maintain and grow the FTA organization.

I have contacted numerous members over the past few weeks and have not been able to identify an available candidate. I do not know all our members, let alone each's capabilities. This is not the time to be shy. If you feel that you can do the job and have interest in being the FTA Secretary contact me ASAP. The club needs a secretary. Without someone stepping forward I am unsure what the future of the FTA will be.

We are fortunate to have Jerry O'Rourke maintaining his Central Timer position. He does a great job of informing the flying competitors of the FTA contest results. He will continue to provide plenty of copy to the Secretary for use in putting together the Bulletins. There are others that have copies of historic articles that also could be republished to help flesh out the Bulletins and inform the members on various topics.

I am sending this Bulletin to all those listed on the roster of the November 25, 1994 Bulletin. I am aware that a number of you who receive this may no longer be paid members of the FTA. Those who, from our Treasurer's records, are not current in dues payment will have an "X" after your name on the mailing envelope. I invite you to renew and send your dues to Walter Weichec, 105 Clay St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14207 Dues currently are \$10.00 Any future mailings will be sent to paid members only.

As soon as we identify a secretary and get records, etc. transferred I will get started on addressing the proposed Constitutional and Fly Rule changes that are on record. There are also issues of financial stability that need to be addressed (dues and band \$), fly schedule, etc. that the Executive Board will tackle. If you have any thoughts on these or other issues feel free to write me to get your ideas before the Board for consideration.

If you are interested in contacting me about the Secretary position the address is Tim Kvidera, 13610 Johnson St. N.E., Anoka, MN 55304. Or if you like call 612-755-7983 The best time to try to get me is probably 9 - 10:00 PM, Central time. You can try other times in the evenings, but not before 6:00 as I am rarely home much before that.

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You will see from the following fly reports we have had some very good times flown in the Spring Series. Congratulations to all who competed. And special kudos to the diploma times turned in by Zovich (2), Hulst (2), Smith (2), Kapac, Basic, Russo, O'Rourke, and Fuller.

At the end of this Bulletin you will find a copy of a letter that I received from Fai Jozsef of Yugoslavia. He is very interested in getting in contact with anyone who can correspond in Hungarian. Although Jozsef speaks some English he needs a translator to correspond in our language. I am sending him a copy of this Bulletin along with the membership list. He is interested in getting any current Tippler information that can be sent. So please some of you who can correspond in his language drop him a line.

I have a request for loft photos from a friend in England. Please send me a shot of your lofts. I will duplicate them, put them in our Bulletin and send him a set. Thanks.

Tim Kvidera

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series I - April 22/23

OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

O. Zovitch
(15:25)

FTA94-309, 317, 328, 350 and 2511. Five hens released at 554AM. Lights and Tumblers on at 9:19PM. 309 down at 9:19PM; 317 at 9:21PM; 350 at 9:22PM and 328 and 2511 down at 9:24PM with last bird in trap at 9:30PM. Timed by Small Basic and witnessed by Harry J. Smith and David Dean.

WEATHER: Overcast, 34-45 Degrees. Barometer 30.5. Winds 20MPH from West. Humidity 75-85% with occasional light rain.
TIMER'S COMMENTS: The best kit that I have ever timed.

S. Basic
(14:05)

FTA94-293, 255 and 287. Three hens released at 553AM and all birds down together at 758PM with last bird in trap at 805PM. Timed by Oscar Zovitch from 553AM to 2PM and by F. Mirzoagha from 2PM to 830PM.
NO COMMENTS.

HONOR SYSTEM

H. Smith
(12:43)

OTU94-204, 217, 557 and 569. Four hens released at 600AM and Fantail droppers out at 643PM. All birds down at 645PM with last bird in trap at 647PM.

WEATHER:

Fair, 10 Degrees Celsius. Winds light and variable.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I think I was more tired than the birds.

J. O'Rourke
(09:04)

FC93-26, FTA94-379, 366 and 373. Two cocks and two hens released at 612AM. 366 came down at 316PM and Droppers put out at 317PM. All remaining three birds came down reluctantly at 359PM with last bird in trap at 411PM.

WEATHER:

Skies clear. 45-60 Degrees. Barometer 29.84. Winds from NW at 18 MPH and Humidity at 49%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Beautiful day for fly. Birds flew uncharacteristically low all day. Should have been up in the thermals. Birds locked up all winter and only started up in middle of March. Almost unable to bring the last three birds down. They appeared to have plenty of fly left in them. Cut it very close. I suppose this is what makes flying Tipplers so interesting.

Spring Fly I continued

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A. Fuller
(08:23)

FTA94-2546 and 2547. 94FTS-4109. Hen, cock, hen released at 723AM and Droppers out at 346PM. First bird down at 346PM and other two birds down at 347PM with last bird in trap at 348PM.

WEATHER: Sunrise at 626AM and Sunset at 735PM. Winds 10-15 MPH. Temperature 69-85 Degrees and Humidity at 78%. Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and David Fuller.

COMMENTS: We got lucky. We held the kit till the front passed. The stiff wind and cooler temperature was just what we hoped for. Our 1st string kit was lost; ditto for the 2nd string. This kit was ignored and never flown over 3 hours in training. We got lucky! One day feedup: 1 oz. Hemp and 12 kernels of Popcorn at 730PM and 1/2 oz. Rice at midnight.

J. P. :so
(05:20)

ATU92-1381, ATU93-19 and ATU93-24. Three hens released at 532AM and Dropping Signal put out at 730PM. Birds did not come down. Overfly at 14 hours and 30 mins.

WEATHER: Mostly sunny. 45-65 Degrees. Barometer at 29.95 and winds from NW at 20 MPH. Humidity at 54%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS: Birds were going to land at 730PM until stray bird came along and took them up again. As it got darker the birds went higher. Five came back Monday morning. Lost ATU93-24.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS: Certainly a shame after such a great fly. Had a note from Joe regarding Rule 8 Liberation of kit no earlier than half hour prior to Sunrise. Would like to see it change to one hour before Sunrise same as FTS and ATU.

I have forwarded his request on to President Tim Kvldera for his action.

No further entrants.

CC:

O. Zovitch
S. Basic
H. Smith
A. Fuller
J. Russo
T. Kvldera
S. Robert Powell for publication in Bulletin.

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Spring Series II - May 6/7

Old Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

FTA94-132,133,138,318 and 336. Five cocks released at 532AM Lights and Tumblers at 931PM. Four birds down at 932PM and 133 down at 936PM with last bird in trap at 940PM. Timed by Farzin Mirzoagha from 532AM to 5PM and by S. Basic from 430PM to 940PM. Witnessed by David Dean.
WEATHER: Clear. 36-65 Degrees. Barometer 101.30. Winds from NE at 10-15 MPH and Humidity at 35%..
TIMER'S COMMENTS: Birds flew well all day.

HONOR SYSTEM

FTA93-1131. FTA94-629 and 635. Three hens released at 535AM Lights and West of England Tumblers out at 842PM. One down at 847PM and other two at 848PM with last bird in trap at 849PM. Witnessed by Zlatko Kireta.
WEATHER: Mainly Sunny. 15 Degrees C. Barometer 102.2. Winds 10 Kmh. Humidity at 40%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Perfect day to fly. I have a 2 year old hen in the kit that I was worried about, but she came through with flying colors.
CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS: Luka, sounds like a little pun there. (she came through with flying colors.)

ATU92-1381. ATU93-19, 24. ATU94-9,24. Five hens released at 515AM. Dropper signal out after two birds dropped at 736PM two birds down at 735PM and other three at 737PM with last bird in trap at 747PM.
WEATHER: Partly sunny. 56-65 Degrees. Barometer 29.37. Wind from NW at 17 MPH and Humidity at 59%..
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Birds flew low all day, very windy. I was very pleased with them today.
CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS: In the Spring I Series, I inadvertently left off 3 of Joe's birds in the listing. He flew 6 Hens in the Series not 3. Thank you, Joe, for bringing this to my attention. I just wanted to see if you were paying attention. Incidentally, Joe advises that ATU93-23, the Print, returned to his Loft.

Spring Series II - continued. -2-

H. Smith (13:18) - OTU94-204, 217, 557 and 569. Four hens released at 535AM. Fantail Droppers out at 653PM. All down together at 654PM with last bird in trap at 655PM.
WEATHER: Partly Cloudy in AM. Fair in PM. Winds light and variable. Witnessed by Oskar Zovich for part of time.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Birds flew well all day, then at the end they became very sloppy. Hence the dropper thrown.
FTA94-1599. FTA93-1066. FTA94-1595. Cock, cock, hen, released at 601AM. Thief Pouter Dropper out at 715PM and all down together at 715PM with last bird in trap at 802PM.
WEATHER: Clear. 40-70 Degrees. Barometer 30.5. Winds light from west. Low Humidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: These three birds flew 11 hours last Saturday with FTS. The weather was very nice. Could have used more wind in late PM. They flew high all AM, up and down all PM.
CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS: Gary also notes that he is stuck on Tipplers. He says that this is his personal best time. I wish you many more of them, Gary.
FTA93-945. FTA94-366. FC93-26. Three cocks released at 546 Two dropped down at 1220PM and third at 1221PM with last bird in trap at 1223PM. I had put out the Tumbler Droppers at 1220PM.
WEATHER: Too windy. Clear, Sunny. 45-60 Degrees. Barometer 29.92. Winds from NW at 25-30 MPH with gusts. Humidity 26%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: Wind became very strong after I let birds out. They flew low all AM. They tried to come down on Loft twice and winds swept them up again. I felt they had enough and I threw Dropper. They responded faster than they ever had previously. They wanted inside badly.
FTA94-2546 and 2547 and FTS94-4109. Hen, cock, hen all released at 613AM. Kormorner Tumbler Droppers released at 12:16PM after first bird came down, the other two returned at dusk. Last bird in trap at 748PM.
Disqualified as one bird split and drooped while other continued and did not trap within hour.
WEATHER: Clear. 71-88 Degrees. Winds SE 10-15 mph and Humidity 77%. Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and David Fuller.
FLYER'S COMMENTS: The kit looked good for 2 1/2 hours, then seemed to go sluggish for 4 hours until the first bird dropped - don't know what happened - same feedup sequence as last fly, but no go this time.

No other entrants.

G. - T. KYDERA

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Spring Series III - May 20/21

OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

G. Hulst
(13:03)

FTA94-1599. FTA93-1066 and FTA94-1595. C, C, H released at 545AM. Thief Pouter Droppers out at 648PM and all down together at 648PM with last bird in trap at 715PM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 50-70 Degrees. Barometer 29.8. Winds from SW to W at 10-15 MPH and low Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds didn't fly very good in the AM. Cold front went through at Noon then they flew very nice. I was hoping for a personal best, but they just quit 11 minutes too soon. Will try to get these three ready for the long day fly. Thanks for a great report.

A. Fuller
(DQ)

FTA94-2546 and 2547. FTS94-4103. H, C, H released at 542AM. Tossed Droppers at 747PM. First bird down at 820PM and the other two birds dropped in tree till next AM and trapped early that day.

Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and David Fuller.

Disqualified because unable to trap all three within hour.

WEATHER:

Clear. 63-82 Degrees. Winds 10-15 KTS and Humidity at 61%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

A fabulous failed fly, the best attempt we couldn't count. We're on the right track - look out next year!

J. O'Rourke
(DQ)

FTA94-373 and 379. FC93-24. Three hens released at 535AM and all three down together at 445PM. Two trapped almost immediately, but the third trapped at 605PM, twenty minutes too late.

Disqualified because unable to trap within hour.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Hated to DQ myself, but happy with this fly as this is my number 2 Rlt in their first competition. The third bird just stayed out too long and would not trap on time. Nevertheless they flew well all day. Weather was great all day.

No other entrants.

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Summer Series I - June 3/4

YOUNG BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

J. Russo
(DQ)

AT94-13 Black Hen, AT94-24 Yellow Hen and AT94-32 Blue Bar Hen. All released at 433AM and all down together at 12:54PM with last bird in trap at 148PM.

Timed by Edward Mahlstadt.

This fly is disqualified because this is supposed to be a Young Bird fly. Flyer also released birds too early.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 68-80 Degrees. Barometer 29.88. Winds at 10 MPH and Humidity at 81%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Too much humidity, not enough wind.

No other entrants.

A note to all members from the Central timer:

We are supposed to be a FLYING TIPPLER Association.

cc: ✓ J. Russo
J. Russo
S. R. Powell

Dear Sir!

I'm writing you this letter as one of the breeders of the Tippler.

(If you can remember our complicated conversation by phone.)

My name is Faj JOZSEF from Yugoslavia. I'm married and have one male child a 5 year old.

I'm employed as a hydro-technician, in the city's water system 20 years. And I'm also a 20 years old breeder of the flying tippler. But in the last couple of years my work has intensified in training and their feeding. This year I had my best results of 17 hours and 40 minutes which is the record in our cities club.

But also with this same result I'm third in our country (with the more mature pigeon). In the year 1993 I was the winner in my club with the result of 58 hours and 31 minutes. I played myself in first place for the cup with the time of 14 hours and 30 minutes and in second place for the race named 'Lang day' with the result of 15 hours and 16 minutes.

I obtained the pigeon from Heur Kaupschäfer from Germany and from Wölben, Dick Kneftmeyer; Van der Well from Holland and Eagle; Meredith, Cullen from England. My effort is to breed a pure race. Because of hard political times in the last few years (while the war in Bosnia and embargo against Yugoslavia)

Our number of pigeons have dropped dramatically because of the high price in food and medication. But the magazine and Broadroave are now existent on the flying tippler. He and my club would like to appeal for the most important literature and medicines if at all possible. (Our club has been fortunate to get one magazine from the year 1985 - Pigeon Review). This literature we liked very much and we'd please like to ask you if you can send us the latest magazine 1992; 1993; 1994.

I'm sending you some photos of our pigeons that are part of our club. We'd like to have further collaboration between our club and yours in the near future.

I'd appreciate if you can send me photos of your own your pigeons and to tell me more about yourself and your club.

I'd be very grateful if you can send me the address of the members in your club (Yunited) that speak the Hungarian language. One of their names is Bela Kiss East Palmonaut, MA. But I don't have the proper address.

My club and I are sending you our best wishes in all sincerity and anticipating your answer.

My address: Faj JOZSEF Jozsef Faj

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

AUGUST 27, 1995

Copy to: Ed Buraczewski, Hamid Ahmadi, Walter Wiechec, Jerry O'Rourke, Howard Kogan, Smail Basic, Michael Beat, Stanley Ogozalek, S. Robert Powell, Wayne Tomsic, Oskar Zovich

Gentlemen,

First off my apologies for taking so long to get something out to you. My June Bulletin has been met pretty much with silence. There was only one response to my request for some one to step forward and volunteer to be the FTA secretary. Unfortunately that one individual later felt that it would not possible for him to take on the responsibilities and duties of the position.

This leaves us right back where we were. Robert is unable to continue. None of the others that I contacted are able to serve. If we are to continue as a club I need the help of you Board members. Since I have not been able to develop a new secretary I am asking, no begging, that you guys help us find a willing, able and capable individual to be the club secretary. I am not asking any one of you to take on the job. In most cases I have already contacted you and realize that you have commitments that preclude you from taking the secretary job. But if your situation has changed I am sure that we would accept any of you as a volunteer. More probably though, I am hoping that you fellow Board members may have a contact that might be able to be developed that I have not come across.

The job is not difficult. It is interesting. Requires correspondence with members, and editing and publishing the Bulletin. Walter is willing to continue the treasurer's duties.

If you have any ideas for potential candidates please contact them and verify their willingness to do the job. Contact me as soon as possible with your recommendation. If we are fortunate enough to have more than one individual I will contact those involved and work something out. Might have to get back to the Board and have a little mini-election if necessary. If possible we should try to get something out to the membership soon, hopefully before the start of the fall series fly.

Speaking of the flys - at this late date I see no alternative but to go with the dates as published in the March Bulletin. That makes them start September 16/17 and continue Sept. 30/Oct. 1, Oct. 14/15, and the stock fly Oct. 28/29.

Hope that all have had a good summer. Contact me at 13610 Johnson St. NE, Anoka, MN 55304 phone 612-755-7983.

Best wishes
Jim

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Tim Kvidera
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Anoka, MN 55304
phone (612) 755-7983

September 28, 1995

Joe,

Again **THANK YOU** for accepting the position of FTA Secretary. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. By copy of this I am informing S. Robert Powell that you are the new FTA Secretary and ask that he forward any and all FTA Secretary's materials to you as soon as possible. Robert, please also provide any helpful hints, suggestions, lessons learned, etc. that will be of help to Joe too. Thanks.

Joe, included in the materials that I am sending you is a copy of the list that I send the June Bulletin to, about 140 people. Per our club records only about 70 of them are actually paid up members. My June Bulletin mentioned that if they wished to be a member they needed to pay up and each of those who the records showed were in arrears were notified. So in the interest of conserving the treasury I suggest that we not send Bulletins to those who are no longer members. It would not hurt to send a few to some that you think may be riding the fence and possibly "coaxed" into rejoining. I will leave that decision up to you. On the list those who are crossed off are not currently paid up members.

I am also copying our Treasurer, Walter Wiechec, on this letter to inform him that you are the new Secretary. Walter we are in need of a financial report as to what state the FTA is in money-wise. I have sent you a rough outline as to how to list the income and expenses over the last year. Please provide the report as soon as possible. The information that will come out of the financial report will be needed to make future decisions on dues, band costs, fly entries, etc. that the Board must address.

I am also copying Jerry O'Rourke on this just to let him know what I am up to. I realize that he is fully aware that you are the new Secretary and is helping you put together a Bulletin.

Also enclosed are copies of some articles that Jack Prescott has sent over in an effort to help support our club with information. Feel free to include them in future Bulletins. Would suggest sending him a complementary copy of the Bulletin for at least a few issues.

We have also had in the past a Bulletin exchange with Heinz Kaupschafer of the DFU. Enclosed are copies of the issues that he has sent me since the June Bulletin. Even if you do not know German we can give him some ink in our Bulletins by summarizing the DFU fly reports. Maybe list the top ten flyers and times, date of fly and number of

entrants. If you know how to translate the rest of the DFU Bulletin I am sure that there is a lot of other information that we all would enjoy hearing. Unfortunately - mein deutsche ist nict gut - and I am of no help.

Of course Jerry will be loading you up with stuff to print. He is a god-send. I will try to be sure to send you a President's Message for the Bulletins. I will try to have them typed. But there were times in the past that I let Robert down, with no copy, and some which were hand written while I was on the road. If in a pinch for material you can always pull something out of the past Tippler Specials, or maybe Ed Buraczewski has old materials in his library that we could resurrect.

Until we know where we are financially I think that we ought to be as frugal as possible while still putting together informative and interesting Bulletins. I'd say keep the Bulletin weight under an ounce if possible for the first one, but with the plans to go with quarterly issues a two ounce limit is probably more in line with giving the members their moneys worth. Photo pages are great, but costly. If we get some that are worth publishing we should be sure that it can be afforded. Including them is a great way to increase interest and drum up more members. Consider them more an investment than a cost, but we need to be sure we can afford them. Again, Walter we need to know where we are.

Well, it is getting late and I have to put the birds to bed, me too.

Best wishes Jim

cc: Powell, Weichec, O'Rourke

10/3/95

Joe,

Enclosed is a packet of stuff that I recently received from Robert Powell. Much of it is potential Bulletin material, except from letters, articles written, etc. I have sent copies of FTA Constitution & Fly rules to those who were paid members in the envelope marked new members. They were on the list I sent you last week so they got my June Bulletin & I should be getting the one you are working on.

As we get new members, either by them sending dues to you as Secretary or to Walter as Treasurer, you should send them a packet of FTA info. This packet typically would be copies of any past Bulletins in excess, a membership list and copy of the FTA Constitution and Fly Rules. I have made copies of the latter and also enclose them for you to use as needed.

By copy of this I ask that S Robert Powell send you whatever extra Bulletins he may have so that you can use them as a start for the membership packet.

Whenever doing Bulletins always make up an extra dozen or so to use in new member packet, send to prospective members, etc. Be sure to keep track of your club related expenses and periodically submit them to Walter so he can reimburse you from the Treasury. If needed, you could also work out some sort of advance system with Walter potentially.

Best wishes

Jim Kordner

cc: S Robert Powell

Robert - Thanks for sending the packet of info. Yours must have passed my copy of last week's letter in the mail. Thanks again for your service & the FTA over the past few years.

Robert
pls note

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

OCTOBER 14, 1995

Copy to: Buraczewski, Ahmadi, Russo, Weichec, O'Rourke, Kogan, Basic, Beat, Ogozalek, Powell, Tomsic and Zovich. Also copies to: Fuller, Kehrer

As you have probably already heard we have a new FTA Secretary!! Joe Russo has agreed to take over the position and is in the midst of getting thoroughly involved. Thanks Joe for stepping forward.

With that order of business taken care of I will get off my butt and get working on the assorted proposals that have been submitted concerning our Constitution and Fly Rules. Not that my butt has been dormant, but now I am committed to giving the Club business a higher priority than some of my other activities. I ask that you Board members do so Too!! I was thoroughly disappointed by the lack of response generated by my August, 1995 Officers' Communication. Sure Jerry got Joe to accept the Secretary job, BUT I only received ONE other response from the eleven copied on the OC. Thank you Michael Beat.

This Officers' Communication has a lot of topics to address and a whole bunch of comments submitted from the past. We need you to digest the material and comment as appropriate. In the next OC I plan to include those new comments and distill the topics down to some specifics that we can address, vote on, and proceed to a solution to present to the membership for ratification.

Since a lot of the "new" comments included in this OC are based upon the previous OC and some of you on the Board now were not then I am including a copy of it too for all to reference as needed.

We have a variety of topics to address. The major one is the fly schedule. Does it need revamping? If so, how should it be done? Add a winter series? Delete flys? Add flys and allow members to pick which to participate in and compete for series wins rather than individual fly wins (Beat concept)? Open flys - old birds and young birds in the same contest, but OB's compete against OB's and YB's against YB's, flyer chooses what to fly (Basic)? Something else?

Another crucial issue is club finances. I think that we all can agree that our dues, bands and fly entry fees have been at their present rates too long. We need added revenues to maintain club services. When we get a financial report to evaluate our current position we will review it in a future OC and be able to meaningfully address our needs and adjust

dues, bands and fly entry fees accordingly. Without information we might settle on a band-aid when major surgery is called for or vice-versa.

Beyond these two major topics we have a bunch of housekeeping and proposed changes to the Constitution and Fly Rules. I will mention here some that I am aware of, I am sure that there are more that you can come up with. We need to update the Constitution to define the Secretary and Treasurer jobs as separate functions to agree with what we have been doing. To be proactive we need to also insert a sentence saying that the two positions can be fulfilled by the same individual simultaneously.

The Constitution states that dues are good for 12 months from the receipt of payment. Over the years we have slipped into a January to January mode.

We are supposed to maintain affiliation with the National Pigeon Association and the American Pigeon Fancier Council. I am not sure that the latter is still a force or may be replaced with the Pigeon Center of America project.

We allow non-FTA members to time our competitions if they are members of an affiliated Local Club. I am not aware that we currently have any affiliated Local Clubs. Local Clubs need to agree to be governed by the rules of the FTA. Should we broaden these sections to permit non-FTA timers to be members of other recognized Tippler clubs (OTU, ATU, FTS)? Delete the word "national" from Article II, section 1, line 3 to be consistent with our long standing tradition of being international (primarily North American)?

There are editorial corrections required for the Constitution and Fly Rules.

There are specific fly rules that have had proposed changes. Change the 1/2 hour before sunrise release? Time where can best observe the kit? Extend out of sight limits for young birds? Allow split kits in the dark if can assure still flying? Other dark flying changes?

As you can see we have a big job ahead of us. The only way we can resolve these issues is for everyone to get involved. To help assure some broader based input I am sending this Officers' Communication to a few members beyond the scope of the published Executive Board and seeking additional input. My intention is to issue the next OC late November or early December with comments generated from this Communication. If there are obvious concurrences or items which need minimal further discussion I will put a ballot in the next OC covering those issues so we can get some of the items off the plate.

I thank you all for your time in reviewing this huge packet of information. Please send me your comments ASAP so that the proposed timing of Nov/Dec for the next correspondence can be achieved.

Tim Kvidera, 13610 Johnson St. NE, Anoka, MN 55304

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Tim Kvidera
President of FTA
13610 Johnson St NE
Ancke, MN 55304

Dear Mr. President,

- A. Due to the closeness of the 1994 fly season I agree with the proposed fly schedule.
- B. However, here is something for the membership to consider for the future:

- There should be 7 quality flys per year which consist of first old birds fly closest weekend to the 20th of April, second on the closest weekend to the 20th of May, and naturally a third one during the closest weekend to the 21st of June. Those would all be old birds flys.

- Three young bird flys, the first on the first weekend after the long day, and the second fly on the second weekend of July plus two flys in September. Second weekend young birds and fourth weekend stock-fly any age. I believe this would bring up the quality considering that the people will have more time to concentrate on the training.

- As far as Fuller proposals go, to put it simply, it makes no sense (where are we going to get the money for it? When are we going to have the time to spend with our family and friends?).

- As far as Fuller proposal number 3 goes, I believe that the southern flyers could have three winter flys which would round the total flys to ten as we have now and therefore it will not burden the club financially.

- In regards to Fuller proposal number 4, it could be something to think about. Perhaps we could grade the flyers in group one, group two and group three, and then take a flyer from group, one, two, and three, and make a team. So group one would be fifteen hours and better, group two from twelve to fifteen, and group three up to twelve hours.

- In respect to proposal number 5 of Michael Beat, I disagree with it. Number six, disagree. 45 minutes, in my opinion, for the old birds would be feasible. Young birds should stay half an hour. Proposal number seven, rule 38 should be modified by simply deleting B, C, D, and F. The rest of the proposals disagree.

- The proposals I'm putting forward are in my opinion the most beneficial before all for the birds as well as the man behind it. First of all, here are the five different rules that should be modified. Rule # 8 should incorporate my above suggestions to the fifth proposal from Michael Beat. Rule # 11 should read, "Timer must judge from a location where he can best observe the flying kit (remember we are not timing the yard or the loft but rather the birds themselves)". Rule 18, should stay as it is except for young birds to be seen within three hours and thereafter every hour and a half. Rule 21 is already covered by rule 11. Rule 23 should be simplified. It should state anyone who is an FTA member or a

Member of any other bonafied pigeon club and is registered by the FTA or a local club as a qualified timer he/she should be permitted to act as one. His/her acceptance should be sent to the FTA president, secretary treasurer and central timer. I would also like the membership to give a thought to raising the membership dues to fifteen dollars, leave the bands at five, but increase fly entry to \$2 per fly, or else we are broke, and there is no point in talking about fifteen to twenty flys a year when we haven't got enough money to cover five flys per year.

Yours truly in sport,

Oskar Zovich

Oskar Zovich

PS: I'll phone you soon.

ALL OPEN FLY?

I would like to see the proposed 1994 FTA schedule as the 1994 FTA "All Open Fly" where FTA members could without any penalty enter any fly with young or old birds. The competition will have to be in two categories, young birds in one and old birds in the other. The category in which the member decides to fly is the one he will be competing against. The way it is now bothers me because if a young birds flyer wants to enter the long day fly, he is forced to compete against old birds flyers. It is discouraging and should be changed. Competing in one's own category would be fair. The "All Open Fly" would be beneficiary to our club and the members because it would increase competition in our sport. Had we had the "All Open Fly", Al Lukez' time of 17:07 would have been recognized as the second best flying time in the old birds' category. It is a pity that he did not get the recognition he deserved. I cannot emphasize enough that young birds and old birds are not the same. They should be treated differently. This is why when making the list of the 20 best flying times in FTA's history, two lists should be made (one list for the best young birds flying time and one list for the best old birds flying time). It brakes my heart to see G. Chater's time of 16:02 in the 14th place on the list for the Summer III 1985 Continental young birds record. The young birds record should be on the top of the list in it's own category-the young birds category. Shall we all participate in the "All Open Fly"?

Yours in the sport,

Smail Basic

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of March 1914 55th flying
include should be approved.

I would like to know if you
live near the coast there is generally
westerly wind in morning type air from
the ocean so highland usually fly well all
year around except for ^{strong} fog and ^{strong} winds
which ^{are} occasionally hit spells.

Some times in May and early June
there is low pressure inland so the days
pressure over the ocean cause a flow of
moisture air falls inland where gives the
clouds from the coast some good days of flying
Maybe every 5 or 6 years there maybe
a extra hot spring and summer that make
flying good. Usually especially in the inland

over it gets to hot for fly in July
August September October and it
can be to hot to fly in this time
and ^{early} May are some also.

So in inland area if a
flood come not get good results
for flying they have to wait
until the winter storms or floods
from there from the north west on.
try to take advantage of them on the
coast winds mostly winter's that
in Nov to Dec in inland and south in
March or April. So there not much chance
of having a good fly in the 55th include
- but the 55th has a accounts fly when
has been successful.

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So it might be easier to
keep a regular fly schedule -
and let the winter flyer fly with
the SSS & maybe they could be
arranged better to SSS & so
SSS would also fly in the winter
fly.

Instead of making up flyers
schedules. I think flyers from
different areas should describe the
weather conditions and months the
they occur when the stippler fly
best and then a flying schedule
could be made up that would as
possible give flyer in every area a fair
change of good ~~of good~~ flying ~~weather~~ on
days on schedule and flyer in other areas

(4)

would understand why the fly day
are not so good for all areas.

Most people know flyer in the north
and east don't like to fly in the
snow so maybe they fly in the
north and east with regular flyer in
the South west can't fly well in the

East - And for everyone to be
happy there may have to be different
flying schedules for these different
areas or schedule that starts earlier
for those areas earlier for south flyer and
start late and end later for northern flyer

→ || Also maybe team flying against other teams
would encourage flying. Such as may 3

will fly and fly against 3 New York and 3 Connecticut
flyer etc for a team trophy ||

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Michael J. Beat
124 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Gentlemen

I will have to make this a brief note because my schedule doesn't allow me the same time I once had. I would like to comment on a few things in our Officer's communications received for February 1994, however

I had long ago thought that the ideas of the proposed fly schedule had been put into the round file. After all, I had given my thoughts back in the fall of 1991. But I had no idea that there was any dialogue going on at all concerning those ideas. I must thank the several officers who did submit something and who did find the ideas amusing. Especially do I give credit and thanks to Omer who put together some very good input.

To begin with, I agree with Tim Kvidera wholeheartedly that there is much commitment involved when it comes to flying a kit of Tipplers. Few in this country are in a most superb situation to have the luxury of spending so much time in a time intensive sport of Tippler flying. For this very reason, my thoughts back in 1991 were designed to open an opportunity for people to be more in touch with the abilities of their flying birds and what their birds can do. This is in contrast to being involved in a simple loft competition between people. But, this is the *concept* of the ideas proposed. A person can fly on more suitable days for his birds as opposed to flying on days that turn out to be the best for the birds of others. In this way we maximize our ability to train a team of Tipplers to be the best they can possibly be. After all, if I flew a team for an awesome time on one weekend, (and there were only 2 people who entered that competition) then why couldn't we compare that with the awesome time flown by another fancier 2 weeks later (on a day that I couldn't fly)? I suggest that we can. You see, the flying competition is the race for spectacular times, not to beat out the few 2 or 3 other people who flew on that same particular day. It means more to allow the birds to fly their best; it implies more of the trainer. If we could just take a moment to pick out the best times a person can do over the course of various time periods (or may I call them "seasons?") then have we not succeeded in finding someone who can fly his birds consistently, formidably, and magnificently?

It seems that some are hooked on this word "aggregate." In reality, I didn't even think of the word aggregate as what most of you have thought it to be. In my mind, the "aggregate" of seasons was to find out who, just who, might have the birds which can fly to the command of the trainer. When a person can fly his young birds and get a few good times out of "several flies" and then turn around and fly again in another period with old birds to again come out with several good times, then this individual has accomplished much. Look at the big picture not the little one day fly. As a big picture I view each "season" (if I may use that term) as *one competition*. Yes, a series of flies as being more valued than one individual fly. How many in that series? I don't know. I suggested say making available 5 weekends and then choosing the best of 3 of them. Yet, we could have very easily made it to keep all 5 of them in the final calculation of the winner. It doesn't matter. The thought is only that there is a BIG picture. A winner of several flies that will then point him towards the even BIGGER picture of flying throughout several "seasons

So that at the end of 12 months, a person can look back and say that he flew twice or three times in each of those seasons to come up with an accomplishment whether it be a grand total or summation. What might that grand total be? Well, that's where I believe there to be a little bit of misunderstanding because I used the word aggregate but what I really meant was an expression such as "accomplished total" or "calculated summation total." An aggregate implies that there is a running total of the hours spent on the wing. This time is for when someone has flown even 1 hour--for as often as he could fly--to come up with a tallied time of all hours that the birds have spent "on the wing." This is an accomplishment granted. It is not the accomplishment that I was especially looking for when I used the term "aggregate" or "aggregate of seasons." I was just trying to signify a methodology that could denote a flyer that has done the best over a BIG picture and then again over a BIGGER picture--an entire season--4 of them in fact! I did not feel that it would be a valid comparison to count all 4 time periods together and here's why Northern flyers just can't do that. Hence, the fact that only 3 of the 4 time periods would be used in an "accomplishment total" or "calculated summation" would put all people on an equal. A person could fly all 4 (of the total of 4 possible) time periods and consequently contribute much to the sport. He might have set records or for that matter he may have set new accomplishments as fly date records. Yet, to put him on an equal with all the rest--especially those who's climate serve as a limitation--we might wish to only use his 3 best time periods out of the 4 total. I think Omer put it nice when he mentioned how important to him he valued the aggregate even trying to keep ahead of Tim and others. But if someone came along and had the opportunity to fly many more flies whereas Omer did not, then how can that be a fair comparison? That is why I suggest that we only look at how an individual does for any 3 of the 4 time periods or "seasons." It puts people on an equal footing.

Now with those thoughts, I hope that many of you can understand that I was submitting an idea, a concept. I was not submitting something ready to implement. I really didn't submit something that was polished and refined and ready to use. I would have enjoyed more thoughts back in 1992 on how you felt concerning the whole concept. Actually, besides the Fullers, I received hardly anything as a response in the form of questions or inquiry--added reason to why I thought that the whole issue was dead until I received this Officer's Communication.

I must close this letter as it is already late. (I only have tonight anyway because I'm home sick tonight with a cold.) But I really wanted to respond with a couple of comments concerning the things written by various individuals in the Officers' Communication. Here it goes briefly

Concerning Robert's comments

I wished Robert had expounded a little on why he thinks that in the "4 seasons" approach there would be "too many." More rather than less is the whole idea. With a new approach such as this "4 season approach," we might even find a reduction in the Central Timer's duties because he might be sending only an end-of-season report thereby making only 4 result sheets to be made up and distributed. This would be the "bigger" approach--looking at things from several flies rather than making one day the only day. If we lived in a small country like England where we all lived in a somewhat close proximity,

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all in one time zone, all able to see and watch others fly their kits as the competition came to the final end, then I most assuredly would be thinking differently on this subject. But we're not in that position

I am not opposed to eliminating young bird flies. But then again, if you are thinking in terms of "individual flies" and not thinking about the overall concept of a bigger picture, then I guess one would naturally think that I was trying to eliminate young bird achievement. However, this is not the case. We can still set up young bird fly dates amongst the many dates available. This would be an added challenge for all to contend with. Thanks Robert for your input

Concerning Stan's thoughts

I'm never knew that the non-profit FTA made a bunch of money from the selling of bands. Thank you Stan for setting me straight

For releasing early, it would have been nicer for Stan to explain why he's against it. As far as the English Fanciers go, they all release at the same time. They all are in the same time zone. But then again, what do the English Fanciers have to do with us? As far as we're concerned, we are not obligated to follow anything they do. We have a different setting and have different needs. And yet, going back to when the Canadian Prid'homme flew his record time, he flew earlier than the official time, why?

I agree with Stan whole-heartedly that with additional time periods of flies, that amounts to a whole lot. Tons in fact. I would never expect Stan (if we can take him as a typical Northern flyer) to fly in all of them. But then again, that's why the concept is so good. It allows Stan to fly in the "seasons" or time period that suit him. And then it allows the "Richard Kehrer" of flyers (Richard lives in a very very hot area in summer so I'll use him as our typical Southern flyer) to fly the seasons that suit him the most. Richard's winter verses Stan's summer. Who really has the advantage? I can't help but note that to stick with the system the way it is now would give Stan the best advantage because Stan doesn't have to fly winter but Richard *must* fly summer to fly on an equal. Richard would have to put his birds up in 105 degree heat in June to compete. But if we took 3 of the 4 seasons from everybody's flying year, we would end up throwing out Stan's winter and Richard's summer. Is that fair? YES it is. No one is required to fly any more flies than he wishes to. So to answer your question Stan, obviously few if no flyers in the North would be flying in the winter. But then again, everyone can fly according to his own schedule if given enough opportunities to do so. Keep up the good flying Stan!

Concerning Omer's comments

I commend Omer especially for the fact that he gave much thought to the ideas. Omer thought beforehand on the matter and submitted additional points for consideration. He is what our club needs the most--individuals who think, submit, rethink, and unhesitatingly take the initiative to speak up. I enjoyed his thoughts on the Novice status. I have always thought this is a great idea that the NTU uses. It is something that would really promote people who don't really feel that they have to be someone special. New-comers to the sport can feel at ease because they will be thought of as "novices." Even the having of a "novice aggregate" is a good idea. Anything! Anything that will add incentive, add promotion to our triplers--especially our novice Triplermen is a great idea

I hope that people don't get too hung up on the words Northern and Southern as well. Some areas are not that "Southern" and yet they do have quite a difference in climate from those of other fanciers elsewhere. Remember that when we talk about Northern and Southern we are really talking about differences of climate during the winter verses summer months. So, you can't really "count" up those who are below a certain latitude and say they are Southern flyers. It all depends. You don't know who will participate until you actually set it up and give someone a reason or incentive for doing so

To clarify my idea, Omer said in his letter "If I understood correctly his (Michael Beat's) main proposal was that a flyer's best time only from each series would be used for an aggregate. If that is the case that seems counterproductive to me as it encourages the occasional participation rather than the fly after fly etc." I hope that you all will understand that this is not the case. I proposed that we could eliminate a few worse times, including the times when a flyer wasn't able to participate and hence come up with a "calculated summation." Say it might be the top times--the top 2 times for the season or the top 3 times for the season or the top 4 times of the season or the top 5 times of the season. It doesn't matter. We could count all of the times (if that is what is wanted) to calculate a true "aggregate." Perhaps one award could be given to such an individual

But to win the "season" it seems more appropriate to look at this example: A person succeeds in flying 3 times of 15 hours each and 2 times of not flying at all and to compare that individual to someone who flies 5 times at 9 hours each time. Are they equal? They both add up to 457. No, they are not true equivalents. By taking only the 3 top times of the total of 5 possible would put 45 hours against 27 hours. Or if we took only the 2 top times, then 30 hours would compare with 18. Do you follow? As far as an aggregate goes, they are equal. They both add up to the same. But as far as a "calculated summation" goes, well, the person with the high times is awarded with the season win

After all, he succeeded in flying a consistent 3 separate occasions of 15 hours each. The second individual never succeeded in breaking 10 hours. Let's say then that a third individual flew 16 hours only once. He lost all around because he succeeded in flying a great time only once. The winner should be a person who shows his consistency and repeatability over a broader period of time as opposed to the fortuitous fly of one time. At least, that's my thought. Omer can still shoot for the true aggregate. I do not want to absolve this award if people want it. Does the 4 seasons approach promote the occasional flyer only? Well, just stop and think. A person flies only 3 of the 5 flies each of 3 separate seasons because he knows that that's all he needs for the calculation. That's a total of 9 flies for the year. I do not consider that an occasional participant--why, he's flying a lot! As it stands right now, anyone who flies 9 flies out of our present existing 10 possible is considered to be flying a tremendous amount. But I hope you all realize that if you fly only 2 flies for the entire year a "calculated summation" for you will not amount to as much when someone else flew, say, 2 times each season. So rather than support the occasional flyer, this method promotes flying more often with the best times you can get out of your birds counting towards the end prize: The Season Winner! or the Year-end Winner!

Interestingly, Omer next mentions in his letter the fact that each season could then have in individual aggregate. Well, this is going right into my concept that you would have a winner on each "season" for a total "title/championship" at the end of the year

The only difference is that what Omer is talking about is again not what we could consider a true aggregate because the whole season is not tallied up. To add every single fly up would be a true aggregate. To somehow calculate a "season" winner by total or by best of 3 or by picking only the top time, or by some other method is a different concept. I'm glad that Omer sees the need for something like this just as I do. But then again, Omer suggests a variation of my ideas in this letter dated August 6, 1993. Thanks Omer. You're great for taking the initiative to follow along with the concept.

Concerning Tim's comments

Yes, the entry fee is ridiculously low & I'm all for having it raised a little. But for that matter, I'd like to add this thought: If in concept we add more flies such as in a 4 seasons approach or even a winter fly approach then this would amount to a lot more flies. In that case we should consider having a "seasons" pass that would allow flyers to then purchase a \$10.00 or \$15.00 entry fee allowing them to fly all of the flies in the "season". This is not to the exclusion of the individual fly entry which could be \$3.50 or \$4.00 if the flyer chooses not to get the "season" pass but wishes to fly only 1 or 2 times.

Conclusion

I've expended much more time than I had available for this reply already. Yet the only real thing that I would like to mention is this: We need more discussion on the CONCEPT rather than the PARTICULARS. What about adding fly days and calculating our winners differently than we have in the past? What about competing on a "season" or "time period" basis as opposed to a competition day basis. After all, we've already made ourselves quite distinct from the way the NTU does things by putting flies on either a Saturday or a Sunday as opposed to making everyone fly on one single given day. Could what we do be considered a true competition when people put up their birds on different days of the weekend anyway? So then by extension, why would it be so bad to spread the "competition" out over several weeks in a given "season"? We do it now by spreading it out over an entire weekend. As I have said before, we are a very diverse cross section of people, customs, and climates. Our birds are the only thing in common. The object of our competitions should be focused on the flying of great times and having more people having fun & enjoying our sport. We should remove ourselves from the dependence of sectional weather, hawk, & other local situations on a particular given weekend and reward him for the accomplishments he makes over a spread-out consistent season. So what do you think about the concept?

March 16, 1994

Tim Kvidera
President, FTA
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Tim,

Good to hear your breeding season is going well.

I think the latest issue of the BULLETIN was a good one, don't you? It was a pleasure working with Stan on his article. Andy and I learned a lot from the experience.

With regard to the proposed '95 FTA Winter Fly Series, here's something to think about. For record keeping purposes, it may be wise to hold all flies of the same season, in the same calendar year. That would mean not flying in November or December, but rather in January, February and March depending on the number of flies in the series. On the plus side, the first fly would be the shortest and the others consecutively longer. On the minus side, starting in the heart of winter, may eliminate lofts in the fringe areas that might be able to fly "one last time" before Winter sets in, so to speak. But, for the record, it's nice to have all flies within the same year/season. Why have the last fly of the '95 season in 1996?

You are doing well, the FTA is a national organization and our flies and rules should reflect that premise.

Good luck in the coming competitions.

Yours in the sport,



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Personal comments from Tim Kvidera

October, 1995

In the first few pages of the October Officers' Communication I pretty much presented the topics that have been brought up objectively without intentional bias. Here I will try to state my position on a variety of topics to voice where I am coming from.

Fly Schedule/Format - Numerous things have been tried over the years in attempts to get more participation in our contests with minimal positive results. I feel that we can only expect the dedication needed to sincerely participate in endurance flying contests to come from a minority of our membership. Our current schedule of three series of three flies plus a stock fly has been in place a long time. Is it broken? Maybe not. Does it need fixing? Possibly. Does it need adjusting? For sure. Michael Beat's concept of many flies, but few contests is intriguing and needs to be appreciated for its originality. It would give members plenty of opportunities to compete. But with these multiple fly dates all competing for the same prize I see at least two issues - it takes a long time to determine the winner and there are very few winners. Competitors like to have the "instant" gratification of knowing how they have done soon after a fly. The ego boost of winning a contest helps reinforce the desire to compete again. The more winners the more happy participants we have.

I think with flies every two weeks is asking too much. I think Oskar's idea of fewer flies farther apart is more to my liking. But my preference would be to let the young birds have a shot on Long Day too. We could leave Long Day an any age event like it is now or make it both and separate the kits and results by OB and YB. Then we could run into a problem if a flyer would have both a kit of old birds and young birds that he would like to fly. Do we let him fly both days with a different kit on Saturday and Sunday? Maybe Oskar's idea of holding off the first young bird fly to just after Long Day is not a bad idea.

I do believe that we owe it to the membership to have a winter schedule for the southern flyers. Having two or three, possibly coinciding with FTS dates would enhance participation.

Cost of Services - It is inevitable that our dues need to be raised. Fly entry fees and possibly bands too. But a discussion on how much to raise what should await knowledge of just where we are financially now.

Timers - I think we need to expand the universe of who is able to be a Timer in FTA contests. We have the ability to use non-FTA members now if that individual is a member of an affiliated Local Club, has been accepted as a Timer in the Local Club, and such has been submitted to the FTA Secretary/Treasurer, President and Central Timer. As mentioned before we do not have any currently affiliated Local Clubs to draw upon. There are established, credible Tippler clubs which have members who are capable of timing. I think we ought to open up Timer qualifications to allow individuals recognized as acceptable Timers by recognized non-affiliated Tippler clubs to also time in the FTA contests under the same stipulations as currently in place for non-FTA members of affiliated Local Clubs. Of course any kit entered in a FTA contest must be judged by and comply with FTA Fly Rules.

Release Time - I have never been an advocate of the half hour rule, did not like how and why it was instituted, but have always complied with it since ratified. If we can permit a release one half hour before sunrise in late October, especially on a cloudy day, we permit release in as much darkness, little light, as would be available in June an hour or so before sunrise. I would prefer to eliminate the maximum time before sunrise, but could settle for some sliding scale, more during mid year and less in early spring and fall (winter too, if we set up a winter schedule). The flyer should know when there is enough light for his kit to fly. With proper training he should be able to accustom the kit to release properly in low light of the morning as well as we dark train for the end of a fly.

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Article II - Line 3 says "... to promote and regulate the sport in national competition." We have for decades been an international organization, mostly North American. But we have had a member from New Zealand participate in a FTA fly. I would not suggest that we invite NTU, DFU, etc. members from Europe to compete with us, but I feel that to be consistent with our long standing tradition we should not have wording that suggests we in the FTA sponsor "national" competition. Our flies have heavy participation from our many Canadian members. The flies are international. I suggest that a better wording would substitute the word "association" for "national". To placate those who fear Europeans would join the FTA for the opportunity to fly in our contests (and presumably kick our butts) we could in Article VII, Flying Competition, define our contests as being available to North American FTA members.

Clerical/editorial corrections - There are a whole bunch of clerical and editorial changes that were identified by S. Robert Powell who proof read the Constitution and Fly Rules a few years ago. We have settled on the meaty potential amendments we can incorporate the corrections as follows:

Article IV - Dues, Membership Term - The Constitution defines membership being 2 months from when dues are received. Over the past few years this has evolved into a January to January requirement with the thought being that it would ease the burden on the Treasurer if the main portion of the financial activity occurred at the start of the year. Band orders and dues could be combined, etc. In the ten years that I served as Secretary/Treasurer having a rolling expiration of membership was not a problem. It's all a matter of how one sets up the files. But if we wish to maintain a calendar year membership term we need to amend the Constitution. And if we do officially switch to a January to January schedule we should also agree on some cut off date wherein if someone sends in dues in say November they are members not just the two months of that year, but also the whole following year. I do not think that November is the proper cut off, but it was used to demonstrate the point. A more appropriate month may be say September, or even July.

Article VII - Weekday Flying - Since the inclusion of this, in an effort to increase fly participation, I think that I can recall only one instance of its being requested. I recommend that it be deleted.

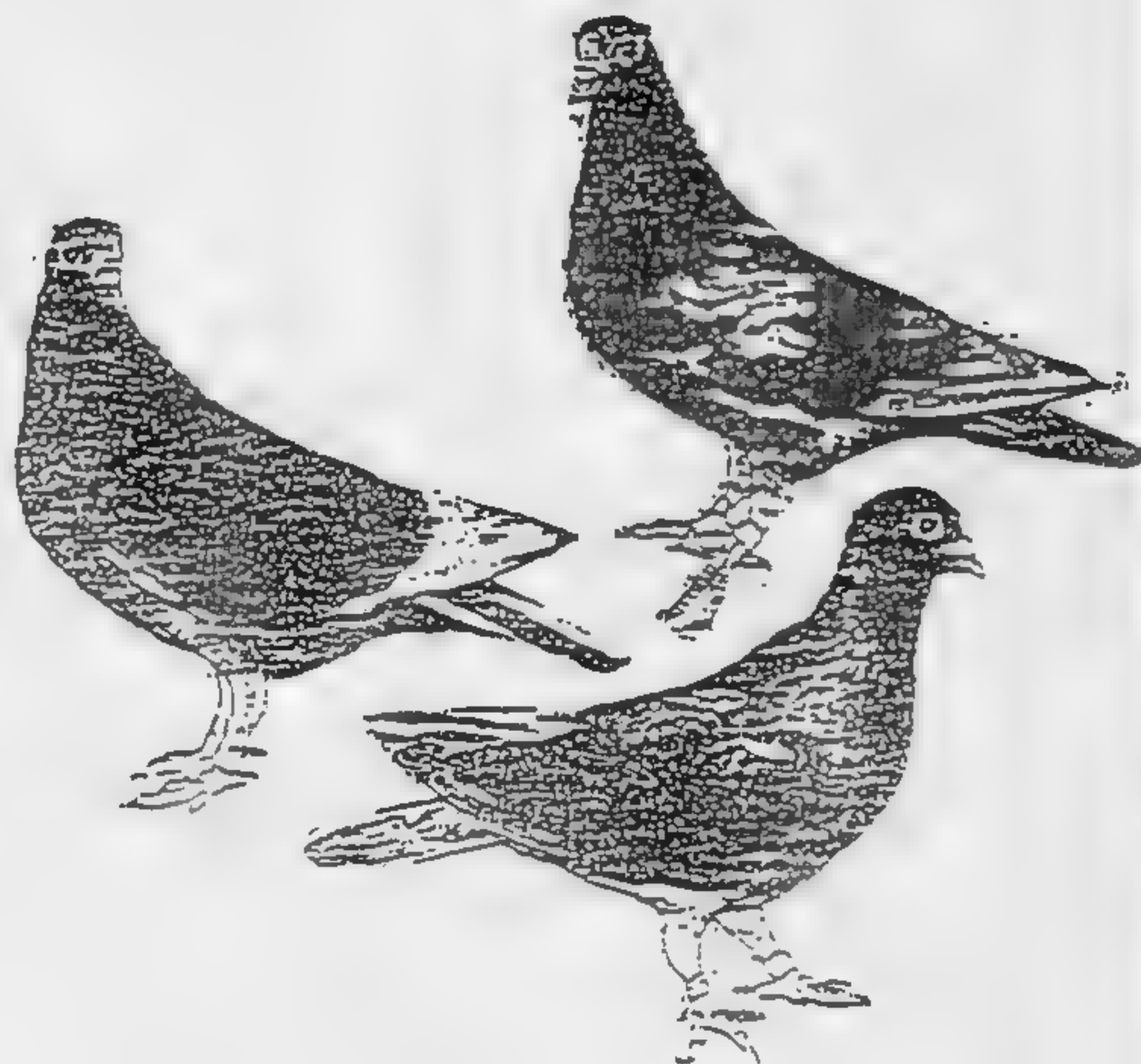
Rule 8 - Aside from the half hour release already discussed, it reads a bit disjointedly. "Kit to be liberated..., and released no later than ten AM on the morning of the fly, and * settled within the Flyer's boundary, trapped and checked..." Where I inserted the " * " I think we ought to insert "at the termination of the fly kit must be".

Rule 18 - Out of sight limits - I do not believe that we should extend the limit for young birds.

Jim Kardava

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a while since I put out a Bulletin back in June. Hope that you all had a good summer and a great breeding season.

Since the June Bulletin, in which I mentioned our dilemma concerning the need for a Secretary, we have been able to locate one. My attempts by phone and print were unable to secure a willing volunteer. But fortunately our enthusiastic Central Timer, Jerry O'Rourke, was able to develop a lead and produce our new Secretary. Thank you Joe Russo for accepting the assignment. Joe will be publishing the Bulletin, conducting club correspondence, etc. He will be receiving considerable support from Jerry and is willing to accept it from all others who wish to pitch in. Send Joe information on how your birds have been doing, any news from your area, old articles that you think that the membership would like to read, etc.

In the next month or so I plan on contacting the FTA Executive Board and discussing the various proposed changes that have been brought to my attention. If anyone has a topic that you feel ought to be addressed please drop me a line as soon as possible. The packet that I will be sending out will be pretty extensive, but there may not be all the issues that ought to be considered. Unless I have a written proposal on file something of import may be missed. Send any input to Tim Kvidera, 13610 Johnson St. N.E., Anoka, MN 55304.

A sincere thank you to S. Robert Powell for the job you have done over the years as Secretary. You stepped forward when there was a need and did a great job of publishing informative, professional looking Bulletins. And thanks again to Joe for being willing to take over the reigns.

My current plans call for me to make it to the National Young Bird Show in Louisville the end of October. The past few years there have been a half dozen or so FTA members there and plenty of Tippler talk.

Tim Kvidera

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

I am particularly pleased to welcome Joe Russo as our new Secretary. I know that he will do an outstanding job. While I was elected to the position as Secretary, I could not accept the job due to personal reasons at home. However, I will work very closely with Joe in editing and publishing the FTA Bulletin.

While we have been in a slump for the past few months, let us renew our efforts to support the FTA and get behind Joe and give him all the help we can.

Again, my thanks to Joe, for taking on a job that nobody seemed to want or was able to accept at this time.

Jerry O'Rourke
Central Timer

MEMO TO ALL MEMBERS FROM THE SECRETARY:

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My name is Joe Russo and I am your new Secretary for the FTA. I live on Long Island, NY. I am 56 years old and I fly Tipplers of my own strain.

Over the years I have acquired birds from the following people: Ed Buraczewski, member of FTA, FTS and ATU; Clarence Williams Secretary of the ATU and Robert Kennedy, a former member of the FTA. All are from Long Island. I also have birds from Jack Ehli of Portland, Oregon, who imported them from England.

Last year when Richard Seabridge, past member of the FTA, from New Jersey, was forced to give up his birds, I bought his breeders including a pair from Paul Green of England.

In the upcoming Bulletins I will tell you more about myself. However, before the next Bulletin I would like the membership to write me about any ideas you may have regarding the FTA, any complaints you may have, or just some general information about yourself that would be interesting to the members. You may just want to say hello, or say hello to another member.

FLY Schedule

The remaining fly schedule for 1995 is as follows:

Fall Series: Sept. 30/Oct. 1st
Oct. 14/15
Oct. 28/29 Stock Fly

Please make every effort to enter your birds in the remaining competitions. Let us finish the year in good style and fly those Tipplers. Contact the Central Timer, Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062, if you have any questions or need blank Timer Reports.

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THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Fall Series I - Sept. 16/17

Any Age Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants

HONOR SYSTEM.

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J. O'Rourke - FTA95-617, 637 and 611, Sex uncertain at this time, released
(11:02) at 700AM and all three came down together at 602PM with last
bird in trap at 605PM.

WEATHER:

Clear skies. 50-65 Degrees. Barometer at 30.36. Winds from
SE at 22 MPH and Humidity at 54%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Wonderful day for fly. Three ten week old youngsters, two
of whom are Canadian birds bred from great flyers so generously
given to me by Smail Basic. It took me a few years to settle
this breed down, but I think I have the knack of it. The 611
bird is a youngsters bred from Bela Kiss' Lovatt stock. This
kit should get even better, I hope.

G. Hulst - FTA95-951, 957 and 961. All hens released at 700AM. Thief
(08:53) Pouter Droppers out at 353PM and all down together at 353PM
with last bird in trap at 358PM.

WEATHER:

Clear. 53-75 Degrees. Barometer at 30.0. Winds from South
at 12-20 MPH and High Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Weather was nice but got too humid in the PM. Am very happy
with my YBs this year.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Gary sent me a note saying that he hoped to fly all the Fall
flies. He is hoping to get to the Louisville YB Show this year.

H. Kogan - FTA95-2202, 2215, 2213 (3 Hens) and 2209 and 2219 (2 cocks)
(DSQD) released at 710AM and all down together at 645PM with last
bird in trap at 705PM.
Disqualified because one bird split after Hawk attack and was
away for 3 hours.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 38-60 Degrees. Barometer 30.38S. Winds breezy
from North.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Would have been a nice fly, but a Hawk attacked and I thought
it would have gotten one bird because for the next few hours
I saw only 4 flying. Then the fifth one returned - I really
was surprised. Hope you had a better day.

J. Russo - ATU95-64 Grizzle. ATU95-66 Silver and ATU95-69 Print. All
(DSQD) hens released at 603AM. Droppers and Lights at 637PM.
Disqualified because birds did not come down and trap within
hour.

WEATHER:

Clear. 64-75 Degrees. Winds light from East. Humidity 41%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds did not come so the Droppers could work. This is a
good kit if only I could get them down.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Both you and Howard Kogan had excellent flies. It is a shame
that circumstances prevented completions of the flies.

TIPPLER HISTORY

June 1899 – Sheffield

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The local long-day fly look place on 23 June 1899. There were seven contestants, all located within a radius of one square mile. Seven referees, twenty observers, plus the seven owners, took up surveillance as from 4 am on that day.

One vantage point, central to the area, was the corner of Bright Street and Millford Street. From there all seven individual kites could be seen and identified as and when these kites appeared in the area.

However, it came to pass that the crowd of enthusiasts at the above-mentioned place, became rather noisy. The language became rather 'fruity'. The noise and the bad language disturbed the old widow, Mrs Molly O'Brien, aged eighty-two; it was 5.15 am and the crowd was directly under her second-floor bedroom. Without warning she flung open the window and tipped the entire contents of her chamber pot, drenching the men below.

The men dispersed in good order and proceeded to clean up – in the back yard of Mr Andrew Alter – who was, in fact, contesting at the time. Much to the surprise of members, the incident had been reported to the President, Mr Ben Stamp.

In the upstairs room of the Enfield Inn, the following Sunday, the usual meeting was held and prizes given. Mr Andrew Alter had won – with a time of fifteen hours, flying seven birds. He collected three pounds and fifteen shillings and a brass trophy, suitably inscribed. Various sponsored prizes of cigarettes, coal, potatoes and canned fruit were also presented by the President.

The meeting was called to silence and the President stood to address the meeting: 'Gentlemen, we have all heard of the disgraceful scene, at the address of Mrs O'Brien. Some members are, no doubt, highly amused – I am not AMUSED! I demand that in future all people concerned will conduct themselves in a more quiet and dignified manner and will consider the peace to which Mrs O'Brien and other residents are entitled. Any further reports of this kind will meet with stern action and I shall withdraw my support of the Union.'

As Ben Stamp left the very subdued meeting, the landlord noticed a grin on Ben's face. He whispered to the landlord: 'Serve them all b _____ w _____ right.'

JACK PRESCOTT

THE FLYING TIPPLERS

By JACK PRESCOTT

These pigeons are part of Sheffield history. They arrived in Sheffield from India in crude form in about 1850, brought in by soldiers who had been impressed with their high flying and tumbling during a tour of duty out there in India. There was an instant appreciation of these pigeons and Sheffield became their hotbed of cultivation. The very word 'Tippler' is an old Sheffield and district word meaning 'tumbler'.

At the same time a consignment of these early Tipplers was cultivated in Macclesfield, Congleton and Buxton. The tumbling aspect was considered to be an unwanted factor and was 'bred out'. The high flying and the long periods of time on the wing were cultivated, but the name 'Tippler' was retained.

By the turn of the century Tipplers were flown in Sheffield and Macclesfield right into twilight and the use of 'droppers', 'artificial light' and specialised feeding were well established. Finally, in 1912, the National Tippler Union was formed and in 1914 a recorded official time of eighteen hours was made by Parkinson & Akins of Heeley, Sheffield. Progressively world record times have increased and in 1994 a time of twenty-one hours twenty-one minutes was recorded by a fancier at Dudley, West Midlands. Of course it takes fanatical extremism to produce these marathon times. We are not all fanatics, but can we enjoy the high flying merits of Tipplers?

Regardless of time, what is more pleasing than to see a few small specks in the sky that we know to be our own pigeons? They are far more spectacular than a flight of racing pigeons touring the loft area at 100 feet high. Such pigeons as these, with just a little 'know-how', will work for us on a regular flying routine all the year round. Obviously, these will be no twenty-one hours, but who needs twenty-one hours? A couple of hours of really nice high flying, no extremism, very little expense – surely that is worth while. Furthermore, on the loft top, inside the loft, or in the hand, what pretty pigeons Tipplers are.

The mottles, the prints, the greys, the tortoiseshells, what could be prettier? Even the selfs and blue bars are sheer beauty; they have a charm all of their own and when such as these have been up in the sky, like a few grains of pepper and yet have returned home, they seem to take on a more special attractiveness.

I have flown them, it is easy – far less trouble than keeping a dog. Alright – you don't win money! It may just be a sideline to show pigeons, but it certainly is well worth while.

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Proposed Revision to FTA Fly Rules From S. Robert Powell, 11-15-1995

Do away with the present Spring-Summer-Fall flys and do away with old and young bird flys. Retain the "stock fly" at the end of the flying year. In their stead, FTA members, regardless of where they live, may fly their birds (old or young or both **BUT ALL YOUNG BIRDS MUST BE BANDED WITH FTA BANDS**) whenever it is best for the flyers involved (week days or week ends.) However, each flyer may fly his birds for FTA competition purposes no more than ten times in one year. Each of those 10 flys must be spaced at least two weeks apart. The birds can be released at whatever time the flyer chooses to release them. Fly reports are to be mailed to Central Timer within 24 hours of the conclusion of the fly. The Official and Honor Systems of competition flying will be retained. Kits can be flown Official System or Honor System or a combination of both. The maximum number of flys that may be reported to the FTA's Central Timer is ten (any combination of Official and Honor system flys, provided the total of both is not more than ten). The flying year will begin annually on August 1st (or some date that a majority of FTA members, North and South, East and West agree is a good time to begin the year). On July 31 (if that is a good date), the Central Timer will compile a list of the best five times for Official System flys for the year ending July 31, and a list of the five best times for Honor System flys for the year ending July 31. Those ten times will be the winning times for the year and the winners will receive prizes as determined by the FTA. The flyer under the Official System with the best aggregate time will be the Official System winner for the year and will be appropriately honored; the flyer under the Honor System with the best aggregate time will be the Honor System winner for the year and will be appropriately honored.

Under the system proposed above, (1) there will no longer be squabbling about when is the best time to fly birds in each part of the country. All flyers can fly their birds whenever it is best for them, but they can't fly them for FTA competition purposes with any greater frequency than once every two weeks; (2) flyers can fly mixed (old and young birds) kits if they choose; (3) flyers can fly Official or Honor System or both if they choose (whichever system they fly under, however, they must fly according to the rules as presently codified by the FTA, with the exceptions noted in this proposal).

of the membership votes "yes" on this 1967
issue, it will mean the death of
the FTA.

BALLÔT

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE F.T.A CONSTITUTION AND FLY RULES

Article II, Section 1 — Change "national" to "association" YES ☒ NO ☐

Article II, Section 2 — Change to January to December
dues structure. YES ☒ NO ☐

Article V, Section 1 — Change "Affiliated Local Club" to
"recognized Tippler organization". YES ☒ NO ☐

Article VI, Sections 3 & 4 — Separate the offices of Secretary
and Treasurer, allow to be filled by one individual
if the need arises. YES ☒ NO ☐

Article VII — Define size of Stock kit

8 to 12 birds ☐ a minimum of 8 birds ☒

Article VII — Allow Stock kits to be flown in any fly YES ☐ NO ☒

If above approved, do we eliminate a scheduled
Stock Fly at the end of the season. YES ☐ NO ☐

Rule 5 — Allowing non-FTA banded young birds to compete
in FTA Young bird flys with preregistration. YES ☐ NO ☒ absolutely
not

Rule 8 — Change liberation time from 1/2 hour before sunrise
to one hour maximum before sunrise. YES ☒ NO ☐

Insert "at the termination of the fly" YES ☒ NO ☐

Rule 11 — Change to "Timer is free to judge from whatever
location he considers best to verify that the kit is
performing in compliance with the competition
rules." YES ☒ NO ☐

Rule 23 — Change, if needed, to be consistent with results of
balloting on Article V, Section 1. YES ☒ NO ☐

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Rule 25 — Split kit in daylight - leave as is.

YES ☐ NO ☒

Change to allow time to continue as long as all birds of the kit can be verified as flying, no matter how far apart they may be.

YES ☒ NO ☐

Rule 38 — Change so that dark flying kits have same requirement during a "split" as a daylight flying kit.

YES ☒ NO ☐

Fly Schedule — The FTA should offer Winter Series flys.

YES ☒ NO ☐

Should young birds be allowed to compete in old bird flys?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Should there be a separate series for young birds, even if they are allowed in old bird flys?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Young bird only flys should be held in what Series?

Summer ☒ Fall ☒

Should there be separate North and South divisions in the fly contests?

YES ☒ NO ☐

If so, what would be the boundary?

Let breeder decide where he wants to be — N. or S.

Should the FTA adjust its fly schedule to offer less flys spread out farther appart?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Awards — Should the FTA provide ribbons to the top three or five placing kits?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Should ribbons be given in place of current cash awards to top placing kits?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Should the FTA develop a Novice Program?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Fly Entry Fees — Should the FTA offer a "season pass" rate for fly entry fees?

YES ☒ NO ☐

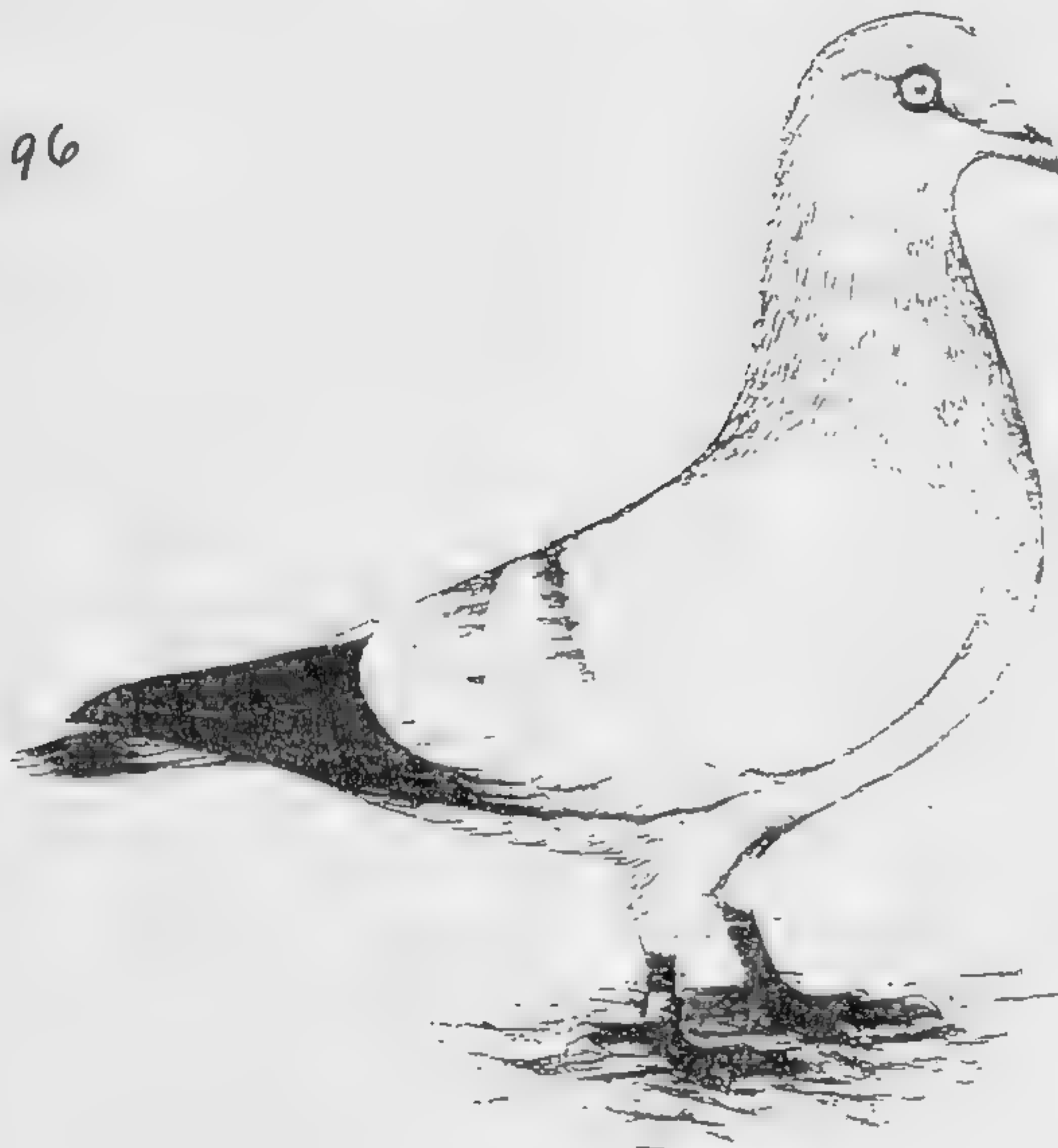
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Renew for '96



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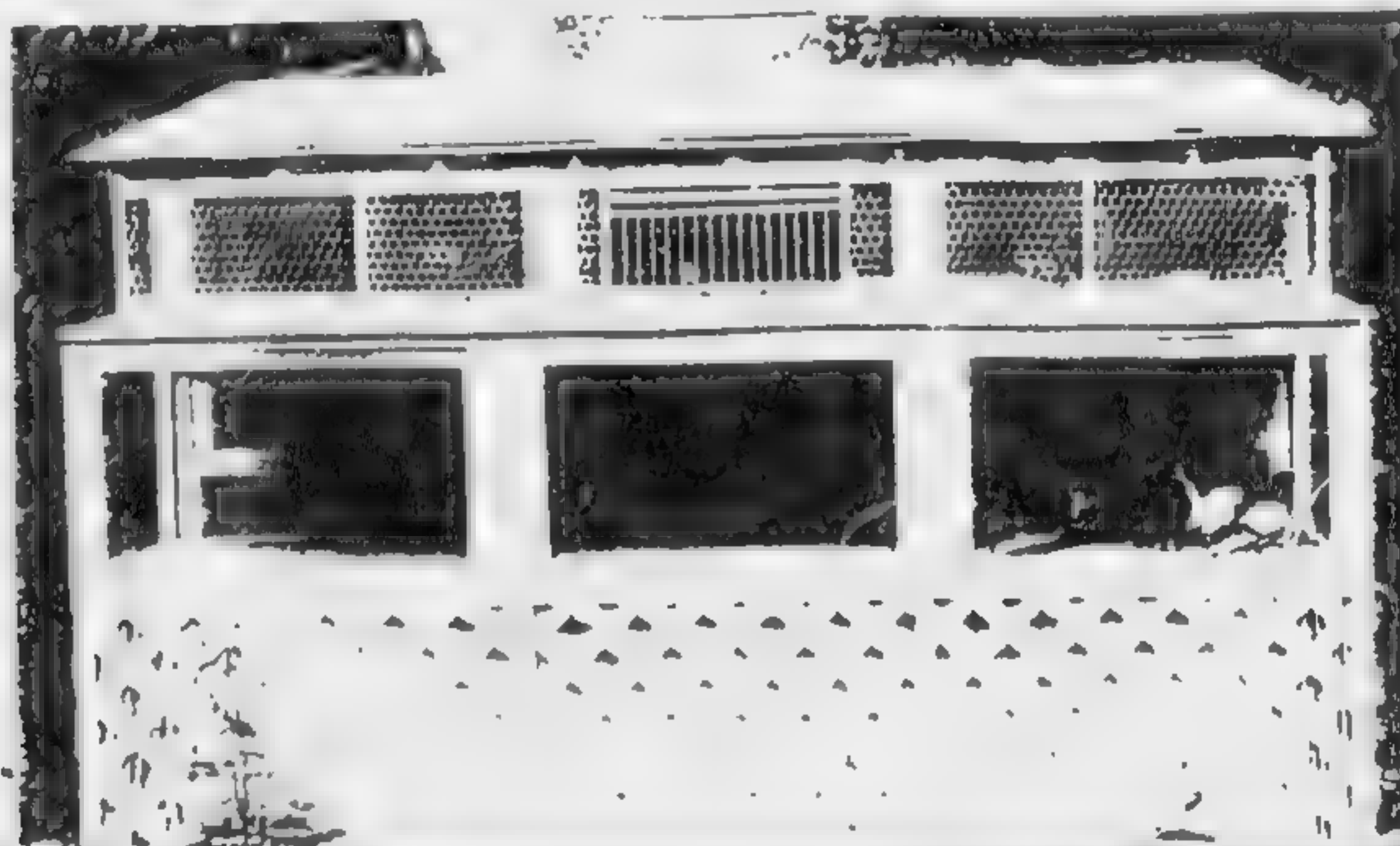
*Greetings
of the Season*

From the officers of the FTA we would like to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday season.

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

There is a backlog of correspondence from our membership mostly due to the lack of a Secretary for the past months. It will be my endeavor to include all letters and notes from our membership in future issues of the Bulletin. Please bear with me in this regard. Also, if you wish to send a personal note and not have it printed in the Bulletin, be sure to let me know that it is not for publication.

Below is a picture of my flying loft. It is 10' long, 5' wide and 7' high. Its divided into three sections, 3 feet wide by 5 feet long. The top part is where the birds trap in which is 10 feet long and 1 1/2 feet wide. The section has a sliding glass door to let them in or out. The day section has a window and sliding glass doors also. Sorry about quality of photos, I am working on a better method.



If you would like to meet me, I will be at the Reading Pennsylvania show on January 12, 13, & 14, 1996.

Anyone who would like to purchase Jacie Prescott's recent book, send \$10.00 U.S. cash to:

5 Coore Ave.
Sheffield, England S94CE

Just a reminder for you to purchase your bands and due's are also due.

JOHN J. KLEIS, Sr.

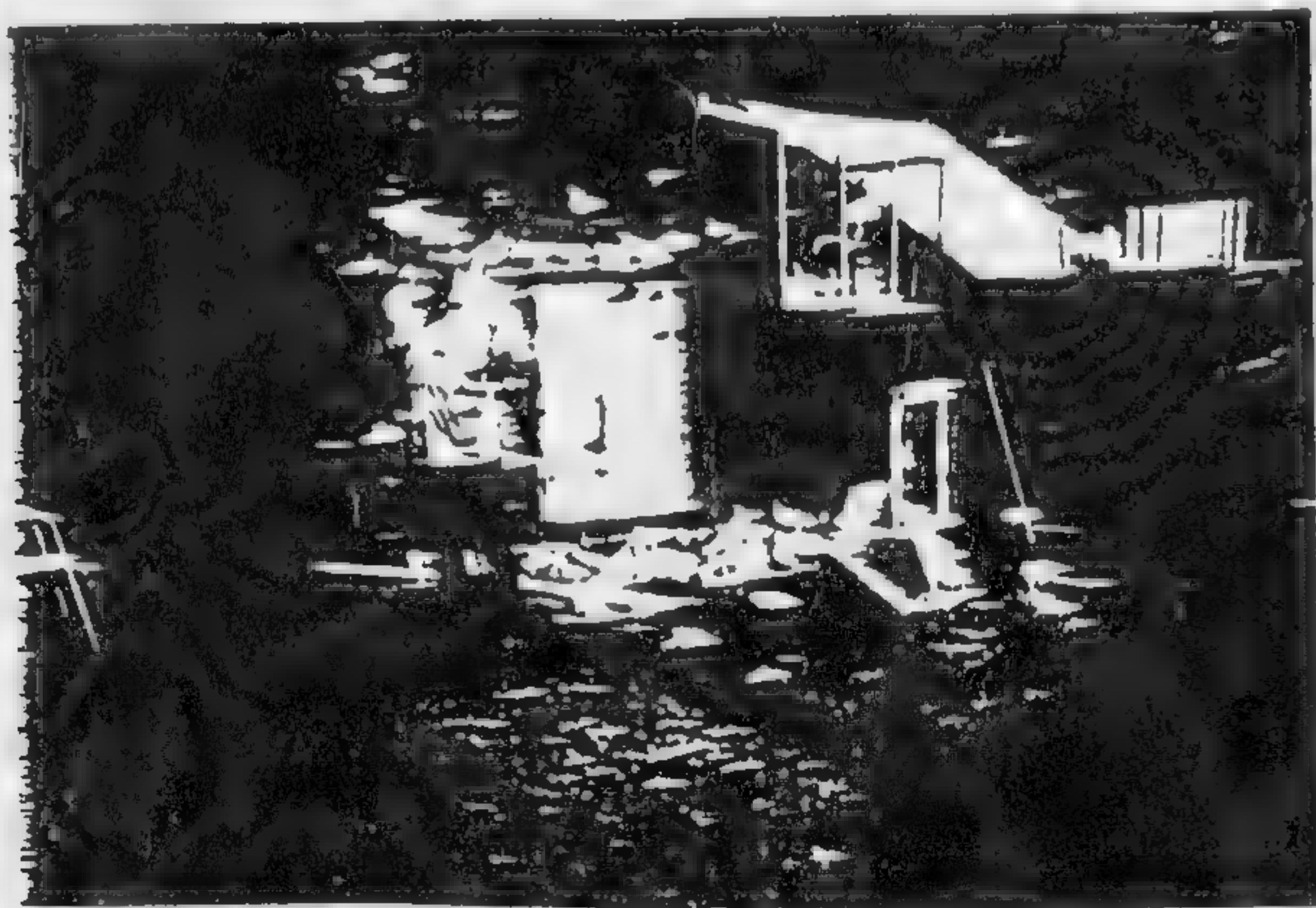
John wrote to Jerry O'Rourke as follows: "I am sending back the Timer's Report form. I think I had the birds ready for the fly, but the weather said differently. Both Saturday, Oct. 28th and Sunday, Oct. 29th was bad. Heavy rains and high winds. No weather for flying birds. We will try it next year. Jerry, enclosed is a few pictures of my birds and flying loft. I raise and fly Macclesfield Tipplers - all light prints and a few grizzles. I love these birds, they are so beautiful and fly just great. I fly a kit of 15 birds - stock fly and they kit beautiful and average 6-7 hours each fly which is enough for me. I try to fly them at least 4 times a week or more. I also have a son who flys down state. His name is John Kleis, Jr., and our mail gets mixed up because of Jr. Sr." Nice looking loft, John, and your birds are really beautiful. Jerry



TOM TOSCANO

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Tom sent in a very nice letter with a picture of himself standing beside his loft. Tom wrote as follows: "Dear Joe Russo, Glad to have you as our new Secretary. I am enclosing a picture of my loft and pigeons up here in the Catskill Mountains. I will be returning for a few months in the winter to my apartment in Manhattan. I cannot have pigeons in Manhattan. I will be coming back Upstate April 1st. Everytime I return, I find about 20-20 new Triplets, all English markings. Again, my wife and I congratulate you on your new job as Secretary. If I can be of any help, please contact me in NYC at (212)-787-4336.



October 27, 1995

Dear Joe,

Thanks Joe for taking the reigns and tackling the Secretary's job for the Flying Tiptier Association of America. I hope that you're encouraged by the work that you do. I know from experience that the involvement with others will help you to really enjoy your birds.

I don't think we've formally met in person but would like to someday. I was raised in the Los Angeles area and came to New York in 1992. I spent 2 years in the Brooklyn Heights area but didn't have a car. So I didn't hardly get around to see or meet a soul. But one year ago I was transferred to a new location in Paterson New York which is about 90 minutes from NYC. I was given a car by my parents who drove it across the country and left it here for me. So for the past year I've had wheels again and will have to avail myself to getting around and seeing some loft and birds next year. I'm anxious to meet several who I've corresponded with over the years but who I've never met. One of them is Ed Buraczewski. It would be so nice to meet him in person one day.

Probably a very nice thing for me to see is the ATU Lawn show or other club activities. I didn't know about the one last July until it appeared in the FTS newsletter recently. I thought Ren Ascano was going to give me a call when it was coming up so that I could join him in the drive over but I guess he forgot. Ren is the closest person to me. I haven't met Jack McParland yet but plan to someday.

Yours in the sport

Michael J Beat

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Some time ago I received a very nice letter from Harry J. Smith, Mississauga, Ontario, which I thought would be of great interest to our members. In it, Harry refers to the article entitled, "Training for Long Time Tippler Flying" by the late Nelson A. Balmer which appeared in the March 15, 1995, FTA Bulletin. Harry wrote as follows:

"Dear Jerry:

It was with great interest that I read the article written by the late Nels Balmer. He mentioned that in June, 1946, he flew a kit of 5 young birds over 126 hours, but could not drop them at dark.

I, too, remember that fly as I was also a competitor. Also, I flew a kit of 5 birds and these 5 birds were not very old, after all June comes early. I remember that day quite well. All day long the wind was so strong that the trees were bending over. (The branches, I mean.) AT 15 hours and 26 minutes, one of my kit dropped on the loft, but the other four were still strong.

However, to make a long story short, I managed to drop the other four. Mr. Nels Balmer was disqualified and I was declared the winner. I was so pleased that my kit flew so well, but to this day I still know that Mr. Nels Balmer had the better kit.

Incidentally, I had just passed my 30th birthday in 1946. So you know that I am a little long in the tooth.

Love the job you do so well.

Yours in the Sport,

signed: Harry J. Smith"

Harry, with such nice articles as the above, you will forever remain young. Jerry

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SMALL BASIC

Smail sent in the following article and asked that I furnish a copy of the 20 Best Flying Times, YB's, Honor System. Happy to oblige, Kemo. Your articles is quite persuasive. Jerry

October 1, 1995

Dear Mr. President, Officers and fellow Members,

To enhance participation in the flying competition, the officers have decided to make some changes to the traditional FTA Fly Schedule. Some proposals have been made to that effect and some have been rejected by our president. Others are wide open for criticism and a few, I hope, will be modified before balloting takes place. I have the impression that there is a wrong assumption that the FTA Fly Schedule is to be blamed for poor participation in the flying competition. The FTA Fly Schedule is sound and does not need drastic changes as proposed.

The Long Day Competition would be favourable in two categories: an Old Birds and a separate Young Birds. This way, the Young Birds flyers' disadvantage of competing against Old Birds flyers would be eliminated and the intimidation to enter the Long Day competition would disappear. If a member is able and willing to participate with the Young Birds on Saturday and Old Birds on Sunday, it would be a positive sign. It is a proof of a vigor desire to compete. More power to it!

Let us bear in mind that in the process of creating the FTA's Fly Schedule, the pioneer officers have gathered all necessary information and carefully reviewed all possibilities to come up with the best Fly Schedule. The fact that the first Young Birds race coincides with the best weather conditions in North America and that one fly is on the longest day of the year etc... is not a coincidence. Had they had Southern flyers at that time, they would most certainly have accommodated our Southern friends with a Fly Schedule that would be favorable to them according to their geographical weather conditions. I agree that the Southern Fly Schedule should be added to our traditional one.

"Holding off the first Young Birds fly to a week after the Long Day" is a proposal which concerns me greatly. If implemented, it would eliminate the Summer I and Summer III flies. This idea is counter productive and there is simply no benefit to it. Instead of eliminating the flies and denying the opportunity to compete, we should encourage members to participate in both flies.

In the Summer III fly, the North American Young Birds Record was established. In the Summer I, the second best young bird flying time was achieved. Summer I and III possess the 20 best Young Birds flying times in FTA history. These two flies are FTA's successes. We should be proud of them and they should not be eliminated for any reason. The Summer I Young Birds Fly is the one that I personally favor the most because it is in early June and the weather conditions are ideal. After the Long Day, the heat wave sets in and it is rather difficult to fly. This year the heat wave, which lasted eight weeks, came on the Long Day competition and the results were devastating. All participants were disqualified.

Changing the release time from 30 to 45 minutes before the sun rise is a good idea as long as the Young Birds are included. Otherwise, this concept would create yet another disadvantage for the Young Birds flyers.

In addition to increasing membership and fly fees, each member should consider contributing cash donations to our club which would assure it's existence.

I am including the 20 best flying times in FTA history established in Summer I and III flies. I regret that I do not have the honours system results but, I will ask my friend Gerry O'Rourke, the FTA central timer, to provide us with a copy in this bulletin.

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YOUNG BIRDS OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Position	Time	Name	Series	Year
1.	16:02	G. Chater	Summer III	1985
2.	15:47	S. Basic	Summer I	1988
3.	15:20	S. Basic	Summer I	1986
4.	15:08	S. Basic	Summer I	1989
5.	14:38	G. Chater	Summer III	1984
6.	14:37	M. Kovulsky	Summer III	1988
7.	14:24	S. Basic	Summer I	1985
8.	14:20	G. Chater	Summer I	1985
9.	13:59	A. Lukez	Summer III	1989
10.	13:55	K. Zamanian	Summer III	1988
11.	13:26	D. Kinnear	Summer I	1985
12.	13:25	R. Rotschi	Summer I	1985
13.	13:03	S. Basic	Summer I	1983
14.	12:54	S. Basic	Summer I	1981
15.	12:46	S. Basic	Summer III	1994
16.	12:42	S. Basic	Summer I	1992
17.	12:27	O. Zovien	Summer III	1984
18.	12:23	S. Basic	Summer III	1992
19.	12:11	B. Kennedy	Summer I	1972
20.	12:07	R. Seabridge	Summer I	1975
	12:07	S. Ogozuek	Summer III	1985

North American Old Birds and Young Birds record holders Micheal Beat and Gord Chater are two gentlemen that are well respected in our sport. With their influence, they could do a great job in promoting competition and reinforcing the members desire to compete. Sizing down the opportunity to compete, unfortunately, with all respect, is an idea of a rather destructive nature. Promotion is the key to success that will lead us to the winner's circle.

Yours in the sport.

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THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES IN FTA HISTORY

YOUNG BIRDS

HONOR SYSTEM

Position	Time	Name	Series	Year
1.	15:41	A. Lukez	Summer I	1988
2.	15:35	F. Ratal	Summer III	1980
3.	15:32	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1981
4.	14:48	M. Kovulsky	Summer I	1988
5.	13:45	A. Lukez	Summer III	1984
6.	13:35	F. Ratal	Summer III	1978
7.	13:32	M. Beedia	Summer III	1984
8.	12:02	H. J. Smith	Summer III	1995
9.	11:29	R. Asencio	Summer III	1980
10.	11:28	T. Mirseyadi	Summer I	1993
11.	11:24	T. Kvidera	Summer I	1979
12.	11:18	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1994
13.	11:11	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1992
14.	11:04	G. Hulst	Summer I	1993
15.	10:26	R. Asencio	Summer III	1982
16.	10:12	T. Kvidera	Summer III	1974
17.	9:57	H. Ahmadi	Summer III	1985
18.	9:39	T. Kvidera	Summer I	1980
19.	9:35	F. Ratal	Summer I	1978
20.	9:20	J. Smith	Summer III	1980

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I received \$87.50 in entrance fees for FTA flys and forwarded same to Treasurer Walter Wiechec. Entrance fees were received from the following member:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reports Requested</u>	<u>Flys Entered</u>
B. Basic	\$11.00	7	1
A. Fuller	9.00	6	3
G. Hulst	9.00	6	6
L. Kapac	10.00	3	2
H. Kogan	10.50	7	3
T. Kvidera	2.00	1	1
J. O'Rourke	10.50	7	7
J. Russo	9.00	6	6
R. Sloan	1.50	1	1
H. J. Smith	6.00	4	3
O. Zovich	9.00	6	2
	<u>87.50</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>35</u>

2. REGULAR DIPLOMA AWARDS FOR 1995 WERE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Diplomas</u>	<u>Official Svstem</u>	<u>Honor Svstem</u>
O. Zovich	2	15:25 15:59	
S. Basic	1	14:05	
A. Fuller	1		08:23
G. Hulst	5		13:14 13:03
			08:53 09:09
			08:53
L. Kapac	1		15:07
J. O'Rourke	2		09:04 11:02
J. Russo	1		14:20
H. J. Smith	3		12:43 13:18
			12:02

3. AGGREGATE DIPLOMA AWARDS FOR 1995 WERE AS FOLLOWS:OFFICIAL SYSTEM

O. Zovich with 2 flys totaling 31:24 hours

HONOR SYSTEM

G. Hulst with 5 flys totaling 53:12 hours

4. THE WINNERS OF EACH OF THE 10 FLY SERIES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Honor</u>	<u>Award Money</u>
O. Zovich	Spring I	15:25		\$15.00
H. J. Smith	"		12:43	13.00
O. Zovich	Spring II	15:59		16.00
L. Kapac			15:07	15.00
None	Spring III	None		
G. Hulst			13:03	13.00
None	Summer I	None	None	None
None	Summer II	None	None	None
H.J. Smith	Summer III	None	12:02	12.00
J. O'Rourke	Fall I	None	11:02	11.00
G. Hulst	Fall II	None	09:09	9.00
G. Hulst	Fall III	None	08:53	9.00
	Fall IV	None	None	Nonw

AWARD MONEY TOTALS AS FOLLOWS:

O. Zovich -	\$31.00..
H. J. Smith -	25.00
L. Kapac -	15.00
G. Hulst -	31.00
J. O'Rourke -	11.00
<u>TOTAL -</u>	<u>\$113.00</u>

Note: Award monies to be forwarded to members by the Treasurer in lieu of trophies.

5. ADDITIONS TO THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES IN ETA HISTORY:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>System</u>
O. Zovich	Spring II	15:59	6th	Official
L. Kapac	Spring II	15:07	Tie 5th	Honor
J. Russo	Spring II	14:20	Tie 7th	Honor
H. J. Smith	Summer III	12:02	8th	Honor

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6. ADDITIONS TO THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES IN EACH SERIES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Svstem</u>
O. Zovich	Spring I	15:25	1st	Official
S. Basic	Spring I	14:05	Tie 20th	Official
H. J. Smith	Spring I	12:43	9th	Honor
O. Zovich	Spring II	15:59	2nd	Official
L Kapac	Spring II	15:07	3rd	Honor
J. Russo	Spring II	14:20	7th	Honor
H.J. Smith	Spring II	13:18	11th	Honor
G. Hulst	Spring II	13:14	12th	Honor
G. Hulst	Spring III	13:03	13th	Honor
H.J. Smith	Summer III	12:02	6th	Honor
J.O'Rourke	Fall I	11:02	3rd	Honor
G. Hulst	Fall I	08:53	16th	Honor
G. Hulst	Fall II	09:09	19th	Honor

7. AGGREGATE FLY TIMES FOR 1995 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. Flvs</u>	<u>Official Svstem</u>	<u>Honor Svstem</u>
O. Zovich	2	31 hours, 24 mins.	
S. Basic	1	14 hours, 05 mins.	
G. Hulst	6		53 hrs. 12 mins..
H.J. Smith	3		38 hrs. 03 mins.
J. ORourke	7		30 hrs. 47 mins.
L. Kapac	2		15 hrs. 07 mins.
J. Russo	6		14 hrs. 20 mins.
A Fuller	3		8 hrs. 23 mins.
T. Kvidera	1		2 hrs. 52 mins.
R. Sloan	1		2 hrs. 37 mins.
H. Kogan	3		0 hrs. 0 mins.

Total Official System - 45 hours, 29 minutes

Total Honor Svstem - 165 hours, 21 minutesGrand Total Hours - 210 hours, 50 minutes

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8. SUMMARY OF 1995 ANNUAL REPORT:

This certainly was not a vintage year for the FTA. We were down in all categories. We had only 54 requests for Time Reports and only 34 flys were entered by the usual dozen of regular flyers who always participate. Nevertheless, we had some great flys turned in, notably O. Zovich with two great flys of 15:59 and 15:25 in Official System. He was closely followed by Smail Basic with as nice 14:05 fly also in Official System. In the Honor System, Luka Kapac turned in a 15:07 time in the Spring II Fly. Both the Spring I and II Flys had some fierce competition with a total of 10 flyers surpassing the 8 hours mark and then some.

We dropped off considerably in number of competitors in the remaining flys perhaps due to a lack of a Secretary for most of the year. I think a special thanks is due to our President, Tim Kvidera, for taking over the reins and putting out a Bulletin to keep our members posted. A thanks is also due to our new Secretary, Joe Russo, for volunteering to do the job for us. Joe put out a very nice Bulletin in his first try and he has some great ideas for upcoming issues.

My thanks to those members who participated in the flys and those members who contributed ideas and items for publication in the Bulletin. Joe is endeavoring to include the accumulation of letters and notes that were made available to him in upcoming Bulletins. I would like to thank two of our new members who participated in the Stock Fly, namely Ron Sloan and John Kleis, Sr. (John sent me in a note - he was rained out both days.)

Finally, let me assure all our members that the FTA is alive and well and we are once again moving in the right direction. I wish more of our membership would fly in the competitions. What is it going to take to make some of you make an effort to fly your birds with us? All of your officers are working hard to keep the FTA on an even keel and move forward in 1996, but we cannot do it alone. We need your support. Please contribute to the welfare of your Club by flying your birds in competition, or at the very least, send in some material or notes for the Bulletin, or participate in our surveys and let us know something about yourselves and your birds.

J. O'Rourke
Central Timer

BRUCE KNUTSON

Bruce wrote to Walter Wiechec as follows: "Enclosed is an article that I put together partially from another that I read from a Racing Homer Bulletin. I just rewrote it for the flying Tippler sport. I think it makes some very good points. If you would like to put it in the FTA Bulletin that would be great. If not, please pass it on to anyone you know that might find it interesting. Thank you." The article is as follows:

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WHEN IS IT A STRAIGHT OR PURE STRAIN?

The subject of this article has been bugging me for years. The time had come to put it into writing. How many times have we all heard the expression pure this or that strain or straight this or that strain. It is very common to see this statement used in ads offering pigeons for sale; but in both cases, the use of such statements is questionable and often incorrect and misleading. Such statements infer that the pigeons mentioned are those bred by the original breeder. This then is the real question. What constitutes a pure or straight bred strain?

Every great strain of pigeons have been produced by a master breeder. Each of the great breeders were also an outstanding flyer or he would not have gained recognition. These men all had one thing in common, each developed a distinct type of pigeon. By selection each man bred a strain that can often be recognized by certain features or colors many generations after being bred by others. This then led to their success-breeding to a standard that they had established. Now suppose that they had been asked to describe their standard. Could they have done so? How were some of the world's greatest pigeon breeders who obviously know what they were doing, but were incapable of putting it in to words. They knew exactly what they wanted in head shape, wing length, back muscle feather, bone, wings, etc., but try to explain this to someone else is practically impossible. How, for example do you describe the look about the head, eyes, and expression of a bird? What is close keel? What is well feathered? Here we see the complexity of selecting pigeons to someone else's standard. I doubt very much what one fancier can teach another is to select according to his ideas.

There's something about the expression of a bird that you just sort of feel, or when you take a bird into your hands, it has a certain feel, this is something that comes only from experience. It cannot be taught. Some men never develop the ability to distinguish between a good and a poor pigeon. There is little doubt that training plays an important role in who flies the most hours in any given fly. If training were the lone factor in winning it would be relatively easy to win, fortunately, breeding is the main factor in winning consistently, and, the main factor in successful breeding is selection. This brings us right back to the great breeders and the basis of their success.

Now, if this thesis is correct, how does it affect the sport? How does it affect the individual fanciers? Well let's look at some results of talking and selling so-called pure or straight bred strains. I remember visiting the loft of a friend who had a group of birds that were sold to him as ----. I am sure that if the original breeder were alive and had looked at these birds, he would have been insulted at having these birds called ----. They were healthy enough and in good condition, but beyond that the similarity ended. These birds were all shapes and sizes with other physical faults that would rule them out as good ----. This friend knew that the birds

were not right, and he had a good idea why they weren't good ----- types. After we handled the birds and discussed the obvious physical shortcomings we agreed that they fell far short of ----- standard. The next obvious question is, who sold the birds as -----? To dispel any doubt about the reputation of the breeder from whom they came, let's just say they enjoy a fine reputation. Those men would not deceive, but having the desire to be honest and knowing the difference in selecting characteristics are two different things. Another and very important element in the development of a strain is the training method used by the breeder. We have all seen the example of a flyer who buys an outstanding strain that is winning for many flyers around the world. He trains and flies the birds but without success. Soon he has tried another strain, but again without success. Soon he has tried many strains before he finally comes up with a group that will fly well for him. Note, I said group not strain. What usually occurs is that this fellow will keep a few of the best performing birds from each strain he buys, then he crosses these in a frantic effort to produce good flyers. He then keeps only from the crosses that perform well and crosses them. By selection and cross breeding, he soon produces birds that are advanced to his training methods. They may not win consistently or they may be consistent winners, but regardless, he has produced birds that have been selected to fly well under his particular conditions; and, not only has he produced birds that will fly for him, but he has started the production of a strain.

In the first part of this article, I discussed the terms pure and straight strain, and the ways in which they are used by pigeon flyers. I also touched on the way a strain can change when out of the hands of the original breeder, also the effects of training on the development and performance of a strain. Now, let's look at the case of the fancier who buys a so-called pure strain. After he starts training and handling the birds under his system he finds one or two things occur; 1. they perform well for him. 2. They just won't come up to his expectations as good endurance flying Tipplers. If No. 1 occurs and the birds do well for him, he breeds these birds and establishes a loft around them. In other words, they are adapted to his training methods and as far as he is concerned, they are fine. But, again, one of two things happens; A. They continue to perform for him over a period of years and may even improve. B. They perform for a given number of years, then decline and are no longer satisfactory. The reasons for the latter are many, but let's for the moment assume that over the years, our fancier doesn't change his management or training. Then if A. occurs, we know that his method of selection is as good or better than the original breeder. He will not select exactly as the original breeder did, but he is close. If the birds improve, he is doing a better job.

(Now, one thing I want to make clear is that I am talking about selection by physical characteristics and by intensive training, feeding and flying). In the event that B. occurs and the birds go the other way and decline in endurance or .

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controlability we have a related situation. Again going on the assumption that no changes occur in management and training, we arrive at the basic cause-selection. This fellow is not able to determine what birds should be bred and which should be eliminated. Result, weakness creeps in and the birds gradually decline until they are incapable of flying any extended periods of time. But now and then a bird will be hatched that will be outstanding because the basic good elements still exist in the birds. Now let's again assume that in both of our examples, the fancier had started with pure ----- strain from the original breeder. Would he be able to claim pure ----- strain two or four or ten years later? No one can deny that the birds descended from ----- strain because no other blood has been introduced, but the birds have changed. They have been changed by selection in their own lofts. We now have a family of pigeons developed from the original strain. In either case, it is not ethical to infer that they are the same as the originals. To do so is misleading. Let's examine the reasons for such claims being misleading. In our example, we could not have birds just like the originals. If one were to buy from the fancier who kept the strain winning, or even improved them, he would be getting birds as good as or better than the originals. This would be a credit to the original breeder. But suppose that birds were purchased from the fancier who let them decline. They would be poor in quality and of questionable value as good endurance flying Tipplers. They had been allowed to deteriorate below a given set of standards in physical characteristics and flying performance. Yet in both of our examples, one could still sell, talk about, and claim that they had pure ----- strain as the word is applied today. I can't think of anything anymore unfair than this. This is as bad as claiming that a product is something that it really isn't, or claiming that a product will perform in certain manner when it can't possibly do so. How many flyers have purchased birds that were represented as pure this or that only to be badly disappointed when they received them. In how many cases have fanciers actually bred and flown such birds with failure as their reward. The result is evident the experienced Tippler fancier will generally condemn that strain as being no good. After all, he is only basing an opinion on his own experience. Wrong or right, this certainly reflects badly on the original breeder and the strain. Then, there is the novice flyer who buys such birds after having read about some great strain, and he ends up in failure. How long does this novice remain in the sport after such an experience. The purpose of this article has been to show how the terms pure bred or straight bred are misused and often lead to disappointment and financial loss to fanciers. It also reflects badly on the sport of flying Tipplers and can lead to the loss of new fanciers. SUPPORT YOUR SPORT.

MURRAY GASKINS

The letter below was received by former Secretary, Robert Powell, on Feb. 9, 1995, from Murray Gaskins.

"Enclosed please find my ballot for '95 officers. I have been continuing my work on rare colors in my Tiplers. Now have several factors to 31/32 pure. Most of the birds come from Oskar Zovich, Walter Wiecher, Dick Saabridge and John Mead.

It has been interesting to fly these crosses and do comparative analysis on their performance. Some definitive results are forthcoming, it may surprise some of the membership. I realize that by doing this project I may open myself up to criticism. If we don't try something new once in awhile nothing will ever change except for the worse as the status quo deteriorates.

The object of my project was to match the diversity of genetically determined factors which are visually observable as variation in color in Rollers. Since Rollers spin varyingly, is their performance recessive or dominant? I think it (roll) is a recessive characteristic controlled by more than one gene since it is displayed to a greater or lesser extent relative to purity or concentration in our stock.

In crossing Homers back and forth, a tail-sitter in the first cross is not too uncommon, likewise in Tiplers. So you might think that roll, being demonstrated in the first cross, would mean that we're dealing with a dominant factor. Wrong - the birds come from the same genetic base. Roll and Tumble are on the same gene and when doubled up they are expressed to a lesser or greater degree. One thought is that all Tiplers and Homers are carriers; if they weren't, why will most of the first round tail-sit. Then when crossed back to parents in both directions those crossed back to Rollers increase in roll frequency and those crossed back to the Tippler parents almost never sit or Roll. I have seen pure Tiplers tail sit. I have indicated that the gene is not too distinctly under the surface. When most folks see a tail-sitter, the bird

is still in the parental stock. I have seen color birds when taken to the second cross rarely tail sit or roll. Some 1st crosses are capable of 10 hours plus of flight, as demonstrated by myself and others among us. The results just get better as we progress away. I pose another question. Is the immediate vigor and size differential due to the cross? You bet. Why? Because since Tippler flyers are pulling from a diminishing gene pool and the birds become more inbred, we might be losing some vigor along the way.

Think about it and let me know your opinions. I sure don't want to work in a vacuum. Thanks to everybody for your help.

We now have Dominant opal reduced Tiplers which are metallic platinum checked - knock your eyes out! There are also plenty of other variations including Almond, Indigo, Ice and other combinations. I've got to go because there's a hawk on one of the pens trying to figure out how to get lunch."

s/ Murray Gaskins

NOTE: Murray also sent a continuing letter about Hawks. He is a registered Raptor Breeder with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is a very interesting article and it is rather lengthy so we will publish it at a later date.

AVIAN ADVICE

Paramyxovirus-1

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PARAMYXOVIRUS (PMV-1) was first recognized as a disease in pigeons in 1975.¹ It spread rapidly through Europe and by 1984, was found on the east coast of the United States and in Canada. It is now present in pigeon flocks throughout the U.S. Probably owing to stringent import and export laws, PMV-1 is not yet present in Australia. Another type of paramyxovirus, Newcastle's Disease, is a highly infectious disease of poultry and other birds, but is seldom seen in pigeons. Newcastle's causes upper respiratory, neurologic signs and death. Since the incidence of this disease in the U.S. is low, we will not discuss it further.

PMV-1 is present in show pigeons, flying breeds, and wild pigeons. It is transmitted by direct contact,^{1,2,3} which may occur in crowded lofts, shipping containers or even by such social contact as territorial aggression between cocks. More importantly, transmission can occur between show cages, as well as indirectly from contaminated food and water sources. Fecal dust becomes airborne, further spreading the disease between

lofts and pens. Vectors such as rodents and humans can also transport infected dust on fur and clothing, respectively. As well, insect vectors including pigeon flies and mosquitoes, may infect birds with PMV-1 and thus must be controlled in the loft.

Route of Infection - PMV-1 infects pigeons predominantly through inhaled or ingested particles. Occasionally, the virus may enter through membranes around the eye. The virus leaves the pigeon's body in the feces and in the respiratory discharges.

Stability - The virus is known to be sensitive to the common disinfectants.¹ Diluted bleach, quaternary ammonium (Roccal), chlor-hexidine (Nolvasan), phenolics (Environ) and aldehydes (Wavicide) should be effective in disinfecting your loft.

Diagnosis - A blood test performed on infected birds will confirm exposure to PMV-1. Unfortunately, this test is reliable only in unvaccinated pigeons or 8-10 months after vaccination. It tells the veterinarian that the tested bird has been exposed to the virus, but gives little information on the present state of the disease. More involved tests may include isolating the virus or identifying it in tissues of an affected bird.

Incubation Period and Severity of Infections - The incubation period (from first exposure until signs of disease are noted) is typically one to two weeks,

may be as long as four weeks, but is not usually over six weeks. This variable time period can allow the disease to spread slowly throughout the loft. Some birds may be carriers, shedding the virus in their feces, but showing no signs of illness.

Severity - Different strains exist which may cause mild to severe disease. Young, unvaccinated, unexposed pigeons are at high risk. If birds are left untreated and the virus is allowed to run its course, 20-80% of the flock may develop some signs of disease and up to 90% of the birds showing neurologic signs will die.^{1,2} Infected pigeons form antibodies to fight off PMV-1 within 2-3 weeks and some of these will recover.

Signs - Initially, infected pigeons have increased thirst and watery, greenish droppings. They often go off feed, act depressed, rest fluffed-up and lose weight. Later in the course of the disease, birds may develop neurologic signs. The first of these usually are incoordination and inability to fly. Twisting of the head and neck often leads to circling or tremors, followed by paralysis or weakness of wings and legs. Nine out of 10 birds with prominent neurologic signs will die, while mortality of unvaccinated squabs may reach 100%.

Differential Diagnoses - It is important to confirm that PMV-1 is the cause of a suspected out-

break, since other diseases can manifest similar signs. Salmonella (Paratyphoid), Herpes (Pigeon Herpes Encephalomyelitis Virus, PHEV), Newcastle's disease and intoxications (lead, zinc, and organophosphates) also cause neurologic signs and should be ruled-out as potential causes. Necropsies of dead and ill birds will provide information in determining the true cause.

Treatment - Once PMV-1 enters a loft, it often persists in the flock in asymptomatic carriers (no signs of disease). Individuals of flying breeds with obvious neurologic signs should be culled as they may remain carriers, cannot be safely flown and are often unthrifty breeding birds. Valuable individuals of show breeds can be strictly isolated from the flock and bred but may produce infected, carrier offspring. Most fanciers elect to depopulate birds with severe neurologic signs. Isolation of affected birds should be done immediately and performed on a daily basis as more affected birds are identified. Due to the long incubation period, disposal of affected birds seldom gives us adequate control over spread of the disease.

Supportive care is recommended for the lightly affected and nonaffected birds. Sulfa drugs such as Vetasulid (sulfachlorpyridazine) and Bactrim (sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim) in the water are effective at controlling secondary bacterial infections but do nothing to the virus. Cleaning and disinfecting watering devices, food dishes and surface areas will help control dissemi-

nation of the virus through fecal contamination. Providing warmth, good feed and fresh water will also help.

Prevention - The pigeon fancy, through intermingling of multiple birds from multiple sources during shows and races, predisposes pigeons to contracting PMV-1 and other infectious diseases. Preventing introduction of the virus into the loft is the key to protecting your flock. Feral pigeons should be excluded, show birds should be isolated or kept in a separate loft when returning from shows, and racing birds need to be trained to enter a separate loft after flight. Preferably, this racing loft or isolation area should be across the yard but a solid barrier (preventing contact through wire or mesh) is usually effective. Do not allow potentially infected birds access to the main part of your flock.

The most effective method for control of PMV-1 in the face of a known outbreak is immediate vaccination of all apparently healthy birds. Vaccination of birds that are already affected does little good and is not recommended. Maine Biological Laboratories' killed PMV-1 vaccine has proven to be very effective in stimulating an immune response and thus preventing disease. The vaccine does not, however, prevent infection; it merely limits the deleterious effects of the natural disease. Vaccinated birds, therefore, may carry a PMV-1 infection but not show signs.

The vaccine manufacturer recommends vaccination at 4 weeks of age and a booster 4-8 weeks later. Older, unvac-

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cinated birds are also vaccinated and boosted 4-8 weeks later and then re-vaccinated annually. Vaccinate all young birds 4 weeks prior to the start of the racing and show seasons and all birds in the loft about 2 weeks before the breeding season.

Of course we also need to pay attention to crowding in the loft as this leads to rapid spread of the virus (not to mention the numerous other problems that accompany overpopulation). All birds should be dusted with insecticide powders to eliminate the common insect vectors, pigeon flies and lice. The loft should always be kept scrupulously clean.

Paramyovirus can be a devastating disease in unvaccinated, large flocks. Yet you can protect your birds and your investment through understanding, and proper flock management. We expect that the day will soon be at hand when all pigeons flown in races or exhibited at local, state and national shows will require vaccination for PMV-1. Successful fanciers are anticipating this eventuality and are working toward eradication of the disease in their flocks.

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George Marlow/Sheffield,England

A Tribute to the Former World Champion with Flying Tiplers

19 Hours 45 Minutes June 1959

He was a remarkable man. At an early age, he became dedicated to Tiplers. His uncle—Joe Holland, encouraged George. Joe Holland was one of the leading fanciers, 1924 onwards.

The N.T.U. (National Tippler Union of England), was formed in Sheffield in 1912, but local contests had been taking place for many years before 1912.

George Marlow, became so wrapped up with Tiplers, that he could think of little else.

He was a skilled stone mason and there are many walls, buildings, etc., in Sheffield that George worked on. George never married, but he lived with his brother and sister-in-law at Stannington which is West Sheffield.

In 1959—George held the World Record with 19 hours and 45 minutes.

He was greatly admired by Gordon Hughes, Jack Heaton, Ken Brown, Wilf Lovatt, Arthur Newton and many others.

George basked in the sunshine of fame and like nothing better than to go to the local pub with a couple of admirers, there to drink several pints of ale and relate countless tales about Tiplers, Tipplermen and all of the fantastic details.

After a few pints, George became more fluent and more spectacular. The tales were enhanced because of his strong local dialect.

The dialect, lent strong authenticity to the tales. However, unless one had a good knowledge of the dialect, it was almost as difficult as listening to a strange language. Stan Cgozalek found that out in 1977. I had to act as interpreter.

George was absolutely delighted to tell the high flying tales.

In the warmth of an English pub, with several glasses of beer, time would stand still.

Here is a typical George Marlow tale.

One week before the Long Day fly in 1935, three tiplers from George's stock loft were stolen during the night.

George reckoned that these pigeons were stolen for the sole purpose of getting him disqualified in the forthcoming contest.

George predicted that sometime during the contest, these three would return to his loft and due to the rule, he would be disqualified. The rule stated that no other pigeons, other than the contesting kit were to be at liberty during contests. Now this rule dated back to 1895 due to additional tiplers being released into a tiring kit, in order to give a boost.

George called a special meeting to ask for absolution from the rule due to extenuating circumstances. After a lot of double talk and ambiguous remarks, the matter was left open, to see what would happen.

On the day of the fly, during early afternoon, the three stolen Tipplers came into the airspace and joined George's kit for a considerable time.

Thereafter, the three of them dropped onto George's pen.

The actual contesting kit of three continued to fly in good style.

The referee said "Get the three stolen birds into the loft as quick as you can, I shall continue timing the kit, but I shall have to report the matter to the local Secretary and the officers".

This was done and a special meeting was called.

The decision was, disqualification on the grounds that it would cause a precedence that gave license to providing "boosters".

Then spoke Sam Billingham (Secretary). "The remedy is easy, lock up securely & make sure that pigeons are not so easily stolen, at any time".

Then spoke Jack Cockayne. "Some people would arrange for a supposed theft".

Then spoke George Marlow. "It seems to me that this decision was made before the actual fly". "Why couldn't I be told of the consequence instead of going through with the fly"?

Then spoke Sam Billingham. "We are not about to make decisions on hypothetical cases. We need to know of the facts at the time".

Then spoke Jack Cockayne. "It seems a remarkable bit of prophecy, that you could say what was about to happen".

"Are you saying that I arranged the theft"? Said George Marlow.

Then spoke Sam Billingham. "We are saying nothing—but rules are rules—if we do not stick to the rules, the whole enterprise becomes a fiasco".

The meeting was ended _____ everyone concerned was satisfied _____ with the exception of George Marlow.

The incident stuck in his craw for the rest of his life.

Jack Prescott
Sheffield/England

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----- ANNOUNCING -----

The Flying Tippler Association has a new Treasurer.

Thanks Walter for filling in the past few years.

Jerry O'Rourke has accepted the position and effective immediately will be performing the duties of accepting dues, band orders, etc. The FTA Board is in the process of reviewing the costs of services. This is the last chance to renew at the current dues price of \$10.00. Bands are \$5.00 per lot of 25. Donations welcomed.

Send remittance to;

Jerry O'Rourke

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

January 12, 1996

Copy to: Buraczewski, Russo, Weichec, O'Rourke, Kogan, Basic, Beat, Ogozalek, Powell, Tomsic and Zovich. Also copies to: Fuller, Kehrler

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The October Officers' Communication generated a number of responses. Thanks gentlemen. Copies are attached. Michael Beat also responded, but said that he had nothing new to add at this time.

Hope that you all had a good holidays. I know that this Communication is a bit later than I had said that it would be. A family situation that I do not care to saddle you with hit about the time I planned to get back to you, then came the holidays and my priorities shift away from bird related topics for a couple weeks. In the meantime I trust that you have all received a card announcing that we have a new FTA Treasurer. Our very capable Central Timer has consented to taking over the duties of club Treasurer. Thanks Walter for filling in over the past few years. Your efforts are appreciated.

Another bit of house keeping - Our announced Western Vice President has not renewed his FTA dues or responded to my note saying that he would have to be a member to be V P so herein I am announcing that Richard Kehrler has accepted the position of FTA Western Vice President. Thanks Richard for being willing to serve.

At the time of this OC we do not have a Treasurer's Annual Report so we are going to have to make some financial decisions without a detailed knowledge of the FTA's financial history. The balance that Walter had on hand to forward to Jerry is less than a hundred dollars. He did have the 1996 bands in hand, had paid the 1994 fly awards, 1995 need to be paid as well and our Secretary has Bulletin expenses still to be reimbursed. So it is obvious to me that we are not in very good shape. We need to raise the fees for FTA provided services - dues, fly entry fees and bands. Our fees are currently - dues \$10.00, fly entry \$1.50, and bands \$5.00 per lot of 25. The Executive Board has the constitutional authority to set these fees without needing the general membership's ratification. We have had some discussions about these over the past communications and I think that we have no choice but to make a decision immediately and get it promulgated as soon as possible. There will be a ballot later on in this OC which will hopefully achieve a consensus on what ought to be charged.

We also in this Communication need to determine what our fly dates will be for the 1996 season. There have been a bunch of proposals as to how we could change our flying system in hopes of getting more membership participation. Many of these will require more time to get hashed out than we have available before spring arrives. We need to have the fly schedule set before the next Bulletin, which is scheduled to go out in March. This pretty much narrows us down to staying with something close to our traditional set up. If we go with the way it has been in the past we find the closest weekend to June 21, Long Day, and work every two weeks before and after and finish with the Stock Fly the end of October we end up with;

Spring Series - April 27 & 28, May 11 & 12, May 25 & 26

Summer Series - June 8 & 9, June 22 & 23, July 6 & 7

Fall Series - September 14 & 15, September 28 & 29, October 12 & 13, Oct. 26 & 27

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I understand that the FTS has a very similar schedule set for 1996 and the ATU has followed suit. They have more flys than we currently sponsor, 16 in four different Series - winter, spring, summer and fall. Their summer and fall dates are the same as I listed above for the traditional FTA dates. The difference comes in the spring flys where they leave three weeks between the last spring fly and the first summer fly, meaning that they are a week earlier than listed above - April 20 & 21, May 4 & 5, May 18 & 19. If we would coincide our dates with theirs we might pick up some more competitors that are members of both, or all three organizations. There is a snag though potentially in that I believe that the other clubs allow release times of an hour before sunrise and we by current fly rules can only get away 30 minutes before sunrise. So if one wanted to fly in multiple clubs at the same time the kit could not be released earlier than 30 minutes before sunrise, if one of those multiple clubs was the FTA. We do not have enough time to go through the procedure to get the FTA rule changed before the season begins as it takes two publishings in the FTA Bulletin before balloting and such a rule change requires membership agreement. Later on in this OC there will be a ballot that will ask you to decide the fly dates for the 1996 season - go with our traditional dates, or adjust the spring dates to coincide with the other clubs.

In addition to the balloting to decide on costs and fly schedule I am going to list the various topics that have been discussed in the past Officers' Communications. It is time for us to weed out those that we are not interested in pursuing and focus in on those that we feel are worth further consideration. It is my intent to mention all that were submitted. If something is not included it is not intentional, but an oversight. Please point any errors of omission out to me. With all that has been written over the past couple years I fully expect that I may have missed something while trying to summarize.

A further update on the finances. With some dues renewals and band orders we now have over \$300 in the treasury. There are \$113 worth of 1995 fly winnings due to the winners. We sold 2300 of the 3000 bands that we had last year. The bands cost us \$507. That calculates to \$0.223 per band effective cost to the club without considering postage. We sold the bands for \$5.00 per 25 - or \$0.20 each. I am not an accountant, but it looks like we lost money on bands. We need to raise the price for the 1997 bands!! We also need to purchase the 1997 bands with at least a part payment due in the next couple months. We also owe Joe postage for the couple Bulletins sent to date. So we are not in great shape. I do not know what percentage of our membership base has renewed, Joe is working on getting some of our past members to rejoin. Jerry is all set up in the Treasurer's job and I trust that he will put an up to date balance in the March Bulletin so that FTA membership will be accurately appraised of our money situation. I want to have the results of the attached balloting completed in time to announce to the members what our fly dates will be and what our new dues, fly entry fees and band costs are.

We also need to get these fees set so that they can be advertised in the Pigeon Debut. For those of you that do not currently subscribe to the Pigeon Debut, it is a very good approximation of the old American Pigeon Journal - only this one comes out on time, monthly. I am sure that many of you have also heard of the Pigeon Fancier magazine. It is a higher class publication, most of color photos, etc. BUT - as of last week it has gone out of business! It did not get the support of the pigeon fanciers that it needed to be financially acceptable. The publisher is \$30,000 in the hole and needed to cut his losses before they grew totally unbearable. The quality of his work will be truly missed. I have not heard any comments that the Pigeon Debut is in any trouble. It is done on a lower budget. But we need to learn from the Pigeon Fancier situation and assure that we do all that we can to help the Pigeon Debut make a go of it or the North American pigeon fancy will be without a broad based communication tool that is important in keeping our hobby in contact with each other.

Hope that you all had a good holidays and that your birds are wintering over well. I have not gone through mine yet to decide what to keep, let alone figure out how to put them together. But I will be going with about 9 pair of my family and 4 or 5 pair of Gordon Hughes. I think that there are a few extra cock birds out there so I have hopes of settling a kit of old birds once the snow leaves

Don't forget to send in your ballot -- ASAP

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Howard K. O'Connell

10/20/73

Dear Tim;

It was good to hear from you and learn that the FTA is coming back. I hope we will all be able to keep the momentum going. Your Officers Communication was an important and very comprehensive step in what seems to me the right direction.

I will try to respond to each item in turn.

FLY SCHEDULE

I would like to see two changes; young birds could be flown in any fly, but the record of young and old kits be kept separately, and have a fourth winter fly series for southern flyers or anyone else who wants to participate. Both of these changes could increase participation and neither really seems to have a downside.

I am not sure if it is relevant in this section but why do we need a rule that young birds must be banded FTA? I fly with FTS too which means my birds need two bands, others might fly with the ATU too, what do they do? Why can't any band of the proper size from a reputable organization be accepted? If it is a matter of money could we have another clubs bands registered with the FTA for a fee? This works for some other clubs (homer and fancy clubs).

FINANCES I agree we need more information on our current financial situation and an estimate of what it really costs to run the club. Raising fly sheets to \$2/ fly seems reasonable, I would not go higher than that at present. If more money is needed I'd rather a dues increase.

TIMERS Any person who signs an "affidavit" affirming that they have read and understand the fly rules and will honestly fulfill the duties of the timer, should be approved. This is a matter of trust. I don't think that this is an area that can be or really needs to be policed. RELEASE TIME I think we should keep it simple. I would favor release up to one hour before local dawn for all flies. A sliding scale time would be too confusing.

ARTICLE II I think the idea that on any one day Tiplers

could be flying in international world wide contests is very exciting. I would support members from everywhere flying with us. I would counter the concern that other countries might have stronger flyers or better conditions by maintaining and listing the results of each fly by region; e.g. North America, Gt. Britain, Asia, Africa etc.

Other items; I agree with your suggestions except for Rule 18. I think we should allow 90 minutes as the initial out of sight limit for young birds.

One other idea. I think there should be ribbons for the first three or five places in each fly in both the Official and Honor classes. Ribbons are very inexpensive and I think they would encourage participation. Each ribbon could have an FTA logo and be marked either Official Fly or Honor Fly and be color coded or have imprinted on it either first, second or third. If the year is left off we wouldn't have to be concerned about being stuck with left over ribbons. The Central timer could simply enclose the appropriate ribbon with the report to each participating flyer. Diplomas would be continued as at present.

all the best,



Tim,

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With reference to your October Officers' Communication (OC), thanks for the opportunity to assist the FTA. And, I do hope I can be of service.

It was fun reviewing our April '91 proposal again. We were only in the sport two years when it was written. Please allow me to withdraw it from consideration in light of the other much better proposals of Oskar, Michael and Joe now on record. In its behalf, it was the first and I for one, believe it has already served its purpose quite well. Don't you?

You asked for comments from a southern viewpoint, so that's what I'll gladly give you. I think your personal comments at the end of your OC are on target and will be beneficial to the FTA, southern flyers and all.

However, with all due respect, your commendable goal to guide the Board to recommend a long range competition system to the membership, is too good. I mean it, you're being too good. And, I understand your frustration with the lack of action on the part of some Officers. But, we don't want to take any action beyond the authority granted by the FTA's Constitution. The way to solve that problem is to, in a matter of fact way, name those fanciers in an open letter to the membership in the FTA Bulletin. Don't put 'em down, they may have good reason for not acting. It's not personal, it's strictly business. In this way the membership knows how to vote in the next election. Remember, the Executive Board doesn't have to solve the perceived problems of the FTA, nor are they supposed to. Y'all (southern for "you all") only need to rate a proposal's merit to go before the membership. Pick two or more of the fly schedule format proposals (the three below all have merit) and do the same for the other suggested changes, get 'em on a ballot with some background info and let's liberate these great ideas. The FTA membership will do the culling. Only they have the Constitutional authority to choose. Here's another tip, if funds permit, send out the ballots with self-addressed-stamped return envelopes and you'll get back more than you ever imagined possible.

This is fun, thanks again, Tim, for asking the south to this dance. We are half of this national club, ya know. I know, I know; the bottom half. Just kidding!!

A fly schedule? The quality (10) fly schedule outlined by Oskar with three winter flies would give the southern flyer a chance for favorable temperatures. My preference for the three quality fly dates would be in the middle of February and at the beginning and end of March. Michael's many flies with few contests is universally appealing, allowing a flyer anywhere in the FTA to customize a personal schedule. It's a matter of direction. Which direction does the FTA want to go? Are we going to be a quality-fly-only club or a something-for-everyone kind of an organization? This is going to be exciting, isn't it? Or, as Joe suggests, the FTA could keep it's fly schedule and fly with the FTS during the winter. This would give southern flyers a chance for favorable temperatures too. It's true, as Stan points out, the winter series will never get as much participation as the traditional old and young bird series. And if we go that route, we should offer something to the FTS for the postage and paperwork. But, I suspect that they'll be glad to help; no charge.

Concerning dues and fees, as you point out, it's best to wait till you have the financial report. However, it would be nice if the FTA reduced the southern flyer's dues and fees by the difference in daylight hours between the northern most and southern most lofts. Only kidding!! But seriously, I get the feeling from your tone, that there may be a lack of funding as well as action Officers, in the FTA. If that's the case the membership should be informed of the facts as soon as possible. Trust your membership, if told of a problem, you will be amazed at how much they will try to help. Information should flow freely both ways in an organization of this kind. Thanks again, for asking.

Regarding time of release, Article II, clerical/editorial corrections, timers, membership terms, rules 8 and 18, again you are on target. This southern flyer is in agreement on all counts.

Delete weekday flying? I have it from a trusted source that there are currently three flyers who work weekends and are off two weekdays taking good advantage of that rule this year in the other national club. And at least one in another local club. We may want to keep it in the FTA's constitution for a while longer, but let the members decide.

Thanks again; I hope I haven't over stayed my welcome.

Yours in the sport,



10-30-95

Time: My thoughts on changing the Fly Rules.

1) I read about the ideas some of the members have, and I'm very surprised because I don't see that many members flying, but I would like to say this: "If a member is flying in most of the fly, and he has a complaint, then it should be addressed." If a Southern member thinks it's not fair because of the difference of the weather, then I've him a winter schedule. As for the aggregate just count 3 series, or 2 series; because the summer series has not been too good for the Northern East, it's been much too hot.

2) As far as young birds and old birds is concerned, I think a person should have the right to fly what he wants to. Personally, I don't like having to fly young birds June 4th, I think it should be old birds through July 2-3. The old birds are not in molt and that's the time of the year with the most day light.

I If you are flying the old birds you don't have to worry about training the young birds at the same time. After July 3rd you can put the old birds away and concentrate on young birds, therefore, you have the whole summer to be with the young birds. The real series should be only young birds. Old birds are in molt anyway, young birds have not lost feathers yet, at least some.

3) I would like to see Rule # 8, change from 2 hour before sunrise to 1 hour. The reason I picked 1 hour is because I fly in the ATU and also FTS which has one (1) hour rules. If the FTA fly the same day as the FTS and ATU I could not fly in the FTA. Personally, again, I would like to release my birds as early as I could, and to answer one of the member's question, on why I don't the English flyers start earlier, it may have to do with all the day light they have in a day compared to ours. If I had 20 hours of day light, it wouldn't be necessary.

for me to release my birds before
they break

1) I would like to see members of
the local Clubs as Timers, Anybody
who flies in competition agrees that
sometimes the hardest part of flying
is a competition in getting a timer.
I fully agree also that the timer has
to break the rules of the club. He's
timing for, and just membership he
belongs to the FTA in advice. I
belong to the ATU and fly in the FTS.
The ATU then sends a copy of our
membership to the FTS so then I'm
allowed to have any member of the ATU
keep time for my FTS flyer.

2) As for extending out of sight limits for
my birds from 2 1/2 hours to 3 hours,
it makes no difference to me but
just out of curiosity, I would like to
know why it was suggested.

I always found that if the weather
was that the age of the birds that
would make them take out of sight
in more than 2 1/2 hours, I believe

also that the young birds would be
more likely to stand and take off,
rather than the old birds.

6) Rule #11

I believe the Timer should be able
to go to any location he chooses to observe
the kit. The kit can be sitting on a
bench 1/4 mile away. As far as spot
kite in the dark, I think the rule we
have is good enough.

7) One more thing I like to mention - I
think it would be a good idea if we
have dues paid every January like
there is there, members. We forget when
they pay them, if they are allowed to pay
them at any time in the year, and the possibility
of the timer if members for
most paying. We can put it in the
December Bulletin as a reminder to
everyone.

Joe Russo

Dear Mr. President,

1597

There is a lot to think about in the Officers Communication. I don't know where to start, but the one thing I do know there needs to be a winter fly Schedule

Hope that my thoughts don't make things worse. I think the fly schedule is pretty good so lets not throw it out all together but try to revamp it. make it user friendly When all else fails Keep it simple

My thoughts on the fly schedule are. Add three winter flies, and drop the stock fly Only have three flies per fly series make the second fly of each series into an any age and from 3 to 12 bird competition. The second flies would be for members that had a larger kit allowing them to fly throw the year not only once a year and there could be an Diploma for the best Aggregate time for a large kit say 6 to 12 birds So in reality you would have four stock flies but members that didn't want to or couldn't fly a large kit still could fly in that fly

In the first Bulletin every year have one fly sheet that the members could use in any fly the member desired to fly with out paying for it and with out having to notify the CT before the members flies that fly

I would like to see the release time and hour or maybe an hour and a half A well trained kit could fly a long time before sunrise. I have had my Tippers up an hour before sunrise and I am ~~showing~~ they could handle getting up earlier than that

Non members Timing, Yes I think that would be nice for the members that don't have a club member near or willing to time

Should members be allowed to fly young birds with non FTA bands Yes, But, BUT, make them fly as old birds Make it so they can fly, but penalize them for not having FTA bands I band all my birds FTA, and FTS

I would like to see Novice rewarded for there efforts, I know I will always remember the first time I flew ten hours

Pleas have winter flies as it is now I get to fly in the spring, and if I push my birds or get lucky I can fly one or two Fall flies, but I really only try to fly in the spring because it get way to hot here to fly after June. it doesn't start to really cool off till November. Here it is 10/17/95 and it is still close to 90 degrees There might not be very a big turn out of flyers flying in the winter, but it might get some more flying that wouldn't fly in the summer

Thank you for asking for my thoughts as you can see I do a lot of thinking about flying Tippers in competition

Till next Time.

Richard R. Kehrer



11/6/95

Line,
Had a second thought on the
Fly Schedule:
Make the 1st fall fly a YB fly
+ that would give us 3 OB fly.
3 YB flys, 3 AA & 1 stock fly.
I think more members would then
have time to get YB ready
What all you want,
Dorothy

1598

Oct. 30, 1995

Tim:

Here are some thoughts for you: (Easy ones first.)

1. While I realize you cannot do a thing until you have a better picture of our finances, I suggest that we raise dues to \$15.00; each fly to \$3.00; and leave the bands the same.

I think dues should be paid Jan. to Jan. each year. It would give you a better picture of the finances available, and members are not likely to forget to pay them at that time each year as we could put a general reminder in the Bulletin each year in the December issue. Band money could be sent along with dues. (Not have to send separate individual reminders.)

2. I think we should have two ^{OR ONE} YB flys in the Fall Series to replace two OB Flys. More time for members to get YBs ready. Otherwise, leave the schedule as is.

One crazy idea regarding Schedule. Make up a schedule and divide it into two Divisions. (Div. 1 and Div. 2) Div. 1 could be the members who could fly the present Schedule and Div. 2 could be the members who cannot fly the Summer but can fly into the Winter months. Div. 1 winners could be notified immediately. Same for Div. 2 winners. However, all records would have to indicate Divisional winners. It could mean changing all existing records to indicate Divisions. That would be some job, and I am not sure it is at all possible, but I would be willing to do it if necessary. Come to think of it, it might just require marking it as a Fall Fly even if Div. 2 flyers flew it in Dec. or Jan. with all other fly Series the Same. (Diplomas and money rewards to each winner in each Div., but the best times entered in the Top 20 no matter what Div. This, of course, pertains to Fall Series only.)

3. Allow release of birds one hour before Sunrise. Why, I don't know, but it would make a lot of members happy.

4. Get affiliation with NPA.

That's all I can think of at this time.

Best wishes,

Jerry

Proposed Revision to FTA Fly Rules From S. Robert Powell, 11-15-1995

Do away with the present Spring-Summer-Fall flies and do away with old and young bird flies. Retain the "stock fly" at the end of the flying year. In their stead, FTA members, regardless of where they live, may fly their birds (old or young or both) **BUT ALL YOUNG BIRDS MUST BE BANDED WITH FTA BANDS** whenever it is best for the flyers involved (week days or week ends.) However, each flyer may fly his birds for FTA competition purposes no more than ten times in one year. Each of those 10 flies must be spaced at least two weeks apart. The birds can be released at whatever time the flyer chooses to release them. Fly reports are to be mailed to Central Timer within 24 hours of the conclusion of the fly. The Official and Honor Systems of competition flying will be retained. Kits can be flown Official System or Honor System or a combination of both. The maximum number of flies that may be reported to the FTA's Central Timer is ten (any combination of Official and Honor system flies, provided the total of both is not more than ten). The flying year will begin annually on August 1st (or some date that a majority of FTA members, North and South, East and West agree is a good time to begin the year). On July 31 (if that is a good date), the Central Timer will compile a list of the best five times for Official System flies for the year ending July 31, and a list of the five best times for Honor System flies for the year ending July 31. Those ten times will be the winning times for the year and the winners will receive prizes as determined by the FTA. The flyer under the Official System with the best aggregate time will be the Official System winner for the year and will be appropriately honored; the flyer under the Honor System with the best aggregate time will be the Honor System winner for the year and will be appropriately honored.

Under the system proposed above, (1) there will no longer be squabbling about when is the best time to fly birds in each part of the country. All flyers can fly their birds whenever it is best for them, but they can't fly them for FTA competition purposes with any greater frequency than once every two weeks; (2) flyers can fly mixed (old and young birds) kits if they choose; (3) flyers can fly Official or Honor System or both if they choose (whichever system they fly under, however, they must fly according to the rules as presently codified by the FTA, with the exceptions noted in this proposal).

S. Robert Powell

October 1, 1995

Dear Mr. President, Officers and fellow Members,

To enhance participation in the flying competition, the officers have decided to make some changes to the traditional FTA Fly Schedule. Some proposals have been made to that effect and some have been rejected by our president. Others, are wide open for criticism and a few, I hope, will be modified before balloting takes place. I have the impression that there is a wrong assumption that the FTA Fly Schedule is to be blamed for poor participation in the flying competition. The FTA Fly Schedule is sound and does not need drastic changes as proposed.

The Long Day Competition would be favourable in two categories: an Old Birds and a separate Young Birds. This way, the Young Birds flyers' disadvantage of competing against Old Birds flyers would be eliminated and the intimidation to enter the Long Day competition would disappear. If a member is able and willing to participate with the Young Birds on Saturday and Old Birds on Sunday, it would be a positive sign. It is a proof of a vigor desire to compete. More power to it!

Let us bear in mind that in the process of creating the FTA's Fly Schedule, the pioneer officers have gathered all necessary information and carefully reviewed all possibilities to come up with the best Fly Schedule. The fact that the first Young Birds race coincides with the best weather conditions in North America and that one fly is on the longest day of the year etc., is not a coincidence. Had they had Southern flyers at that time, they would most certainly have accommodated our Southern friends with a Fly Schedule that would be favorable to them according to their geographical weather conditions. I agree that the Southern Fly Schedule should be added to our traditional one.

"Holding off the first Young Birds fly to a week after the Long Day" is a proposal which concerns me greatly. If implemented, it would eliminate the Summer I and Summer III flies. This idea is counter productive and there is simply no benefit to it. Instead of eliminating the flies and denying the opportunity to compete, we should encourage members to participate in both flies.

In the Summer III fly, the North American Young Birds Record was established. In the Summer I, the second best young bird flying time was achieved. Summer I and III possess the 20 best Young Birds flying times in FTA history. These two flies are FTA's successes. We should be proud of them and they should not be eliminated for any reason. The Summer I Young Birds Fly is the one that I personally favor the most because it is in early June and the weather conditions are ideal. After the Long Day, the heat wave sets in and it is rather difficult to fly. This year the heat wave, which lasted eight weeks, came on the Long Day competition and the results were devastating. All participants were disqualified.

Changing the release time from 30 to 45 minutes before the sun rise is a good idea as long as the Young Birds are included. Otherwise, this concept would create yet another disadvantage for the Young Birds flyers.

In addition to increasing membership and fly fees, each member should consider contributing cash donations to our club which would assure its existence.

Yours in the sport,

S. Basic

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Comments from Tim Kvidera..

My feelings on most of the issues are still consistent with that which was published in the October Officers' Communication. I have in the first couple pages let you know that we are not in the best of shape financially. We need to increase what we charge for club services. I was a little surprised to see that we have been losing money on the bands. That must be corrected for next year. We always have lost money on the flys - that is awarded more in fly winnings than we took in for entries. I do not think that we need to gouge the competitors, but they ought to be winning to pick up more of the tab. I know that I have spent up to \$4.00 per bird to enter some of the shows that I compete in so I would not consider it out of line to charge \$3 - 5.00 per fly entry for a kit of Tipplers.

Fly Schedule - I am not in favor of wholesale changes. My preference would be to stay with something close to the traditional setup with the addition of a winter series. Dropping to less flys like Oskar has suggested is not all that bad either. Heck last few years I have not been able to get into very many flys, so with few flys I would be missing less of them. But we are a club that is dedicated to the promotion of and advancement of the Flying Tippler. I think that we need to offer many opportunities for the members to compete. I feel that these opportunities need to be structured such that all know when the contests are going to be. I think that young birds ought to be given the opportunity to fly in a time of the year with long daylight, but I do not like the idea of flying them in any fly and causing the Central Timer and all records to be complicated with keeping them separate while flying on same days. I do agree though that for the Top 20 times it would be only proper to give young birds flown on Long Day the chance to get into the Top 20 Young Bird times. This would require going back through the fly reports to verify which kits were young birds in the Long Day contests. After things settle down some I may be able to do that type of research as I believe that I have the fly reports back to the early 1970's in Bulletins, and with my tenure as Secretary we started listing the kit band numbers in the fly reports.

In the past we did send all members a Timer's Report form in the Bulletin at the beginning of the fly season with hopes that it would increase the participation in the flys. If anything it actually lessened the number of entrants. With our current setup if one wants to compete he needs to send in an entry fee prior to the fly. I he can wait to enter until the date of the fly, or actually after the completion of the fly, we found that many were putting up kits, but when they did not perform as well as the owner wanted, he just did not send in the Timer's Report. So we got no entry fee and it looked like the member never put birds up or had any intention of doing so. Even with pre-entering now we have instances of kits being flown but Timer's Reports not getting returned if the kit does not do well. I believe that we ought to leave the entry procedure the way it is.

There was a comment published in the last Bulletin, and again herein, that says that proposals "have been made and rejected by our president." It is probably just a matter of semantics, but no proposals have been rejected by me! All that I have received have been shared with you Board members via past O C's. I have not agreed with some of the proposals, and have mentioned that in personal comments, but it is not my place to reject anything. The Board is the group that makes the decisions as to what gets enacted and what gets turned down. And in matters that require constitution or fly rule changes it is the general membership that has the final say

I do believe that young birds flown in our contests should be FTA banded. I know that the other clubs have similar rules. I also know that all our birds have only two legs which makes it difficult to fly young birds in all three (or four) organizations. But no one has given me a good argument as to why the FTA ought to be the one to change.

I think that we ought to give more thought to the definition of a split kit in general and specifically decide if we want separate rules for when the kit is in daylight verses darkness.

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Winter 1916



BULLETIN



FLYING TIPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that all of your birds have wintered over well and that you are off to a good start to the 1996 breeding season. If you have not put the birds together you need to do so soon if you plan to have anything ready for the young bird flies in June. As I type this I haven't put mine together, other than on paper, but they will get paired up this weekend (2/24).

There are a couple housekeeping announcements that I need to make. I trust that you all got the postcard that was sent out letting you know that we have a new Treasurer, Jerry O'Rourke. Jerry has consented to take over the duties in addition to the job that he has done so well as Central Timer. Thanks Jerry. And thanks also to Walter Weichec who has served as treasurer the past few years. The second announcement is that we have a new Western Vice President. The previously announced Western V. P. has not renewed his membership. Thanks Richard Kehrer for being willing to participate and serve as Western Vice President.

Your FTA Executive Board has been busy going through a long list of proposals that will eventually be distilled to an organized format and shared with the membership for consideration. Included are a wide variety of Constitutional and Fly Rule potential changes. In addition to those the Board has balloted and set a new structure of fees for club services. Our treasury is not in great shape. We do have money, but not enough to be comfortable. Most of our income comes in the early part of the year with dues and band orders. We need to spend about \$500.00 soon to pay for next years bands. There will be postage for the Bulletins the rest of the year and other clerical costs so we are not able to maintain the current cost structure. The Board has voted and set the following fees:

Dues - \$15.00 per year
Bands - \$25.00 per 100 (\$6.25 per lot of 25)
Fly Entry - \$3.00 per fly

These fees go into effect immediately, or shortly thereafter.

The other main topic of immediate concern that the Board has balloted on is the upcoming fly schedule. When reviewing the traditional dates we found that our FTA dates were the same as the ATU and FTS with the exception of the Spring Series. They both had a three week gap between the last spring fly and the first young bird fly. This resulted in their dates being one week earlier than our traditional FTA dates would have been. In a close vote the Board decided to have our dates coincide with the other two clubs and possibly thereby increase the participation in our contests if competitors fly in multiple clubs at the same time. This potential for drawing increased participation may be compromised by the disparity in our release times. The other clubs allow up to one hour before sunrise release, while our rules permit only up to 30 minutes.

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This release time rule is one of those that the Board is going to propose to the membership be potentially charged, but there is not enough time to go through our constitutional change procedure before the fly season without a couple special mailings and ballots. I do not feel that it is cost justifiable to go through that expense and ask that Jerry and Joe do a couple extra mailings in a rush mode. It is my plan to get all the proposed changes wrapped up in time to list them in an upcoming Bulletin, allow time for membership comment in a following Bulletin and then membership balloting along with the upcoming biannual election of officers the end of the year.

To fill you in a bit on some of the topics that the Board is addressing here is a quick overview.

- Revamping or tweaking the fly schedule
- Adding a Winter Series
- Changing the young bird flys
- Divisional competition
- Novice awards
- Ribbons for top 3 - 5 times per fly
- "Season Passes" for fly entries
- Expanding eligibility for fly timers
- Stock fly changes
- Requirement for FTA bands on young birds
- Release time
- Where timer times from
- Two and a half hour rule
- Difference in split kit rules day vs. dark

This touches on many of the topics. There are others dealing with wording in a couple sections of the Constitution and Fly Rules, typos, grammar, etc. But you can see that there is a pretty full docket. There has been good progress in getting these worked on and hopefully by the mid-year Bulletin we will have it delivered to you for review and comment. Best wishes, Tim.

1996 FTA Fly Schedule

Spring Series - Old Birds
April 20/21, May 4/5, May 18/19

Summer Series - Young Birds - Except Long Day (Any Age)
June 8/9, June 22/23 (Long Day), July 6/7

Fall Series - Any Age
September 14/15, September 28/29, October 12/13
Stock Fly - October 26/27

FROM THE SECRETARY:

I attended the Reading Pigeon Expo on Jan. 12, 13 and 14, 1996 held at the Sheraton Berkshire Hotel in Reading, PA. Two hundred seventeen pigeon fanciers entered their birds.

The Tippler fanciers in attendance were Ed Buraczewski, FTA, Vice President ATU and FTS; Tiny Concepcion, ATU; Clarence Williams, Sec./Treas. of ATU; John Cuttone, ATU; Al Ramirez, ATU; Ed Young, FTA; Nelson Garcia, Pres. ATU; Stan Ogozalek, FTA; Ed Carlson, ATU, FTS, Central Timer of ATU

I also met a new member of the FTA, Steve Shott, from PA. He is really a nice guy. We are going to get together this Summer. If I missed anyone please write me and let me know.

The results of the Show were: Best Old Cock, Ed Carlson; Best Old Hen, Ed Buraczewski; Best Young Cock, Ed Carlson; Best Young Hen, Ed Carlson; and Ed Buraczewski won Champion Flying Tippler with the Old Hen, a beautiful Blue Grizzle. These two men have some of the nicer birds around. I know I go up against them all the time. Even though I did not win at the Show, I made out all right. Ed Carlson liked a Yellow Mottle cock I had brought to the Show and he loaned me a beautiful hen to go with it.

On February 10, 1996, I took 2nd Place with a Blue Grizzle at a Futurity Show. It was raised out of one of Ed Buraczewski's birds. It just goes to show you that if you want good birds, you have to get them from the guys who have them.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

When paying for Dues and Bands, Fly Sheets, etc., please make checks out to the FTA and not to me personally. Also, if any of our members would like to put an article in the Bulletin, and it needs to be typed, please send it to me and I will type it out and forward to our Secretary, Joe Russo, for the Bulletin. If already typed, send it directly to Joe. Thank you. Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062

A SPECIAL THANKS:

We would like to thank the following members for their generous donations to the FTA fund when paying their Dues and ordering Bands: Tim Kvidera, Harry J. Smith, Joe Contala, B. Getka, Ed Young, L. Wilbanks, and John Kleis. It is certainly appreciated. Also thanks to Stan Ogozalek, Paul Rado.

Pigeons? Dinosaurs! *Related!!*

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By VINNIE DENIGRIS
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

IMAGINE IF YOU CAN, a reptilian head and long tail, a small row of teeth and feathers! The first evidence of Archaeopteryx to be discovered was a single beautifully preserved feather found in a limestone quarry near Solnhofen in southern Germany. This discovery was found in limestone dated well over 100 million years old. Not long afterward an almost complete feathered skeleton was found and in 1876 another specimen of Archaeopteryx was discovered. See illustration 1.

This specimen was even better preserved than the first and included a very complete head with a small row of teeth. This confirmed the theory of the reptile-bird nature of the animal.

Arguments about the origin of birds from reptiles have been going on for a long time. Though



Illustration 1, archaeopteryx fossil discovered in 1876. This find moved the history of birds back over 100 million years. Illustration by Vinnie DeNigris.



Archaeopteryx. Illustration by Vinnie De Nigris

centered on Archaeopteryx they have involved many reptiles. During the time between 1868 and 1926 more and more dinosaur fossils were discovered. As the range and variety of dinosaurs increased, the apparent similarities between them and birds decreased.

In 1960 a professor named John Ostrom was deeply involved in the detailed anatomy of a new (theropod). A meat eater with sharply clawed three toed feet. This includes the Tyrannosaurus.

This new theropod was found in the same limestone quarry which held the Archaeopteryx. The arms and legs of theropods are remarkably similar to Archaeopteryx.


At the present time the majority of dinosaur paleontologists favor a shared an-

cestry for theropods and birds. No other animal on the face of today's earth, other than humans and some apes, walks on two legs like the birds. Some dinosaurs (theropods) were thought to be warm blooded. The present day bird is warm blooded.

The next time you enter your loft and view your pigeons, think of them as little dinosaurs. Chances are, according to fossil records, that they just might be.

I have been raising pigeons for over 20 years. At this time I am raising English Carriers. Dinosaurs have fascinated me ever since I can remember. In my mind's eye each time I see a Carrier it reminds me of what I think a dinosaur may have looked like.

Most pigeon breeders read up on loft design, rearing of youngsters, and general breeding of birds, but how many of us look into the history of a certain breed, or the history of the origin of birds?

If this article was of any interest to you, you can further whet your appetite by reading *Dinosaurs* by Dr. David Norman. This book is far ahead of its time regarding new theories about dinosaur behavior, skeletal structure, and ancestry — including the origin of birds. 

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LETTERS FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAG

Richard Kehrer, 7810 Mallard Way, Anderson, Ca. 96007

THANK YOU !!!!! And I know all FTA members thank you for taking on the job as Secretary, If I can help let me know. I am glad the FTA has you as a member.

I hope the FTA will get winter competition going soon. I live in the northern part of CA, but it is too hot in the Summer for me to fly. It can get to 120 F in the Summer, but the winters are very nice. As the Fly Schedule is, I can only really fly in the Spring Flys, this Fall it was in the 90's s, this year there was no way I could fly in competition and winter flys would give me a chance to fly when the weather is better for flying Tipplers.

A little about me, I am 29 years young (very young). I started flying Tipplers in 88 FTS competition (that is good Tipplers) but I got interested in Tipplers about 80/81 when I got some Tipplers that I never did get to fly any time. I learned you have to have good birds and train them right.

I have two strains of Lovatts, Richard Seabridge and Paul Green that I am going to make into one. My RS's are very inbred, 29 years without any outcrossing. I think it is time to add some new blood. Then I have P. Fealds I think the Fealds are better, but when I cross them with Lovatts, I get the best flyingh birds. I have been thinking that Tipplers are a lotlike chess, you are always thinking of your next move, with me it is how I will be breeding in two or three years. My loft's name is MOONLIGHT.

As always, if anything I can do for you just let me know. I added my che;ck for dues in this letter. I know that I should have sent it to Walter, but I thought it would be okay to send it to you. I am just trying to get all my paper work done ASAP.

Jack Prescott, 6 Goore Ave., Sheffield, S94GE, England

Hello Joe. Your welcome letter postmarked 30th October Arrived 7AM today, (Nov. 8). Thanks for \$10.00 and for your interest.

I shall look forward to the bulletin - December issue. It is extremely kind of you to send me this Bulletin. In return I shall send to you several articles - hitherto unpublished and I hope that you and you members will find such articles worthwhile to read.

It gives me great pleasure to support your club. I also write for your "Pigeon Debut", "Pigeon Fancier", "Our News", "Australian Roller Club", "Feathered World" (U.K.) and a few onithological and avicultural magazines. I also write to a lot of private fanciers who do not really belong to any club.

Therefore, Joe, I reckon I am a pretty active old reprobate OKAY? My first two books are out of print, but several people have asked for photo copied versions, which I supply at cost price (1) The Book of Rollers and Tumblers (2) Pigeons for Pleasure. Your member, Stan Ogozalek, has these books and no doubt he will tell you about them. Anyway, Joe, here is the book and a few articles. Best wishes to you from Jack Prescott.

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Jack Prescott, 6 Goore Ave., Sheffield, S94GE, England
(letter dated Dec. 19th)

Hello Joe,

I have just received your copy of the Bulletin this morning.
I am most grateful for this.

It is a very interesting issue. To anyone who will sit down and read and study each of the articles will find a vast issue of valuable material upon which to study and use.

Bruce Knutson with his article on strains seems to agree with what I said on this subject in my first book, written way back in 1970. All valuable stuff, if, and only if, someone will take the trouble to read and study the article for the depth and thickness to which Bruce is so very obviously aware.

The article by Murray Gaskins is extremely interesting. He illustrates the relationship between Rollers, Tumblers and Tipplers.

This I have written about since about 1958. The earliest pigeons brought over to South Yorkshire and Macclesfield in the county of CHESHIRE and only 30 miles from Sheffield came from India. They were brought over by soldiers and businessmen from the British East India Trading Company from around 1850. A great interest was created due to their high flying and long time flying. A great many of the specimens were seen to tumble also. The South Yorkshire dialect word for "TUMBLE" is "TIPPLE" and that is why and how Tipplers got their name. Of course, the tumbling or tipping factor was selectively bred out.

Yet, in the West Midlands of England the tumbling factor was encouraged and, of course, the end product was the Birmingham Roller.

Yet, Murray Gaskins is quite correct. Tipplers do have a common ancestry. It does not surprise me when a pure bred Tippler is seen to flip over.

Joe, all of my letters and articles and 3 books written since 1957 are for the general support of the high flying and performing pigeon fancy. I do not sell pigeons and I offer free correspondence to anyone who wants to write to me. In fact, I have given away almost as many books as I have sold.

I have always got along fine with the Yanks, the Canadians and Australians. Okay, so I'm just an old Limey eccentric dedicated to pigeons. I have nothing really to sell. I just feel a duty to share what I have liked in a lifetime with high flying pigeons. s/Jack Prescott

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FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAG:

HOWARD KOGAN, P. O. BOX 370, Stephentown, NY, 12168

Dear Jerry, Joe Russo let me know that you were the new FTA Treasurer. Contratulations and thanks for all the service you are doing for the FTA. Enclosed my check for 1996 Dues and for 25 bands. I hope you and yours are well and enjoying the Holiday. s/ H. Kogan

Bob Rotschi, 3251 Greensburg Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718

Dear Mr. Russo, I am writing to inquire if there is anyone in your area who raises the "old type" Flying Flights. Do you know of any who might have Flights with caps? I am enclosing \$30.00 for dues and band money for 1996. Thank you for your courtesy in sending them to me. Hope you have a very Merry Christmas and congratulations on your new Secretary's job. s/ Bob Rotschi. Phone 1-502-789-3362

Bob Rugaber, 492 N. Duffy Road., Butler, PA. 16001

Dear Joseph: I would like to order Jack Prescott's book, but my copy of the last Bulletin is such that I can't read the address. Also what are the dues and price of bands? I have 12 pairs of Gaskins Tipplers to mate up come mid February. Thanks for taking over as Secretary and handling the Bulletin. I shall try to write an article or two for you, but I'm not an "expert". I fly for fun, breed game bantams, Haflinger horses, hunt, fish, and enjoy the shooting sports. s/Bob Rugaber

A few assorted notes from our fellow members when they were ordering their bands and renewing their dues:

RALPH BRITT: Still flying his young bird kit. No hawks have appeared as yet. The latest he has flown them was Christmas Day.

ED YOUNG: Enjoyed talking to Walter Wiechec and the guys at the Kentucky show.

HOWARD KOGAN: Joe Russo let me know that you were the new FTA Treasurer. Congratulations and thanks for all service you are doing for the FTA.

S. ROBERT POWELL: Thanks Joe for taking over the reigns as Secretary of the FTA. There are many very gratifying aspects to the position. I am going to send some extra copies of the Bulletins that I did to you.

BOB RUGABER: Bob states that his 1995 flying season was a diaster. He went all out on cross breeding to improve height and ended up with low flying and two to three hour lazy kits. He is hopeful this year the next generation will improve. After several years of great performance (time-wise) Bob was pretty frustated. He will breed from 12 pair (2 rounds) and try to sort out some real high flyers that keep flying.

- RAY SLATER: My fellow Massachusetts Tippler flyer has kept his birds locked up due to our severe winter here in New England - lots of snow. Ray stated that his snowblower is getting plenty of use. (I know what you mean, Ray.)
- STAN SEIBEL: Stan states that it has been a tough winter but his birds are okay. He retired last June and now does not have to go to work in the tough weather. He is enjoying his retirement.
- DON PISOWICZ: Good Luck as Treasurer. Don sent in a photo of himself and Tim Kvidera taken at the 70th Annual Des Moines, Iowa Show in Dec. 2, 1995. Don states that he and Tim had a nice visit and talked Tipplers, of course.
- JOHN KLEIS: John wrote to tell me he had recieved his bands and can't wait for the breeding season. John sent a picture of a nice little MacClesfield Tippler hen which won 1st place at the Amesterdam Pigeon Slhow. (I trust our Bulletin will do justice to this beautiful bird. Jerry)
- LANCE WILBANKS: Lance sent in his dues and a substantial donation to the treasury. He lives in Colstrip, Montana, and he is not situated where he can have birds at this time. He hopes to have a Loft of good Tipplers some day in the future. He would like to thank Joe Russo for his personal note asking him to rejoin the FTA. He looks forward to receiving the Bulletins. He encourages us to keep the sport going and he hopes to be able to do his part some day.
- ED SCHROEDER: Ed gave away all of his birds two years ago. He had mostly Rollers and some Tipplers. The disappointment of losing birds to Hawks was stronger than the fun of flying. He did not fly from November to May. The Hawks would hang on the kit boxes, walk on the Roofs and under the wire bottoms. He really hated to quit. Ed said that our Bulletin was one of the bedt he's seen and he learned a lot about Tipplers.
- PAUL RADO: Paul has rejoined the FTA and we are happy to have him back. When he was a member a few years back, he was the only Tippler flyer in his area, but now there is one more guy at least. He hopes to fly some birds this summer.



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John Kleis' MacClesfield Hen Tippler
which won 1st place at the Amsterdam,
N.Y. Pigeon Show held recently.



(Left to Right)
FTA President Tim Kvidera and
FTA member, Don Pisowicz, talking
Tipplers at the Des Moines, Iowa,
Pigeon Show, Dec. 2, 1995.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
January 1, 1996 to February 15, 1996

INCOME

1/6 Transfer of funds from W. Wiechec to J. O'Rourke	\$240.43
Current Dues from 37 Members and 1 Jr. Member	375.00
1575 Bands sold (WW sold 300 prior to transfer)	315.00
Donations to FTA by various members	71.50
Fly Sheets requested and sold to date	42.00

OTHER INCOME

1/12 DECEMBER BANK STATEMENT INTEREST EARNED	.04
1/18 J. O'Rourke's 1995 Fly Sheets not deducted	10.50
2/5 JANUARY BANK STATEMENT INTEREST EARNED	.82

TOTAL: \$1055.29

EXPENSES

1/6 Opened new account for FTA -charge for checks	\$ 11.76
1/6 Purchased Rubber Stamp -DEPOSIT ONLY STAMP	10.90
1/16 FTA checks 101-106 to members for 1995 Fly Awards	113.00
1/16 FTA check 107 to Post Office for mailing 23 band order	10.01
1/18 FTA check 108 to Central Timer for 1995 Expenses	57.46
1/20 FTA check 109 to Joe Russo makeup cancelled WW check	20.00
1/21 FTA check 110 for Petty Cash to have on hand for mailings	25.00
1/21 FTA check 111 to Joe Russo for Bulletin expenses, mailings.	149.65
2/5 FTA check 112 NYNEX for FTA business calls.	20.67
2/5 JANUARY BANK STATEMENT SERVICE CHARGES	3.00
2/13 FTA check 113 to Gey Band & Tag Co., 1997 Order, 1/2 Down now.	264.50

	\$685.95

TOTAL INCOME: \$1055.29
TOTAL EXPENSES: 685.95

BALANCE: \$ 369.34

Jerry O'Rourke
Treasurer

FTA FIRST ANNUAL PIGEON MARATHON

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For 1996 I was planning the first Annual Pigeon Marathon for the FTA. Instead of flying our birds, we could run them. My white pigeon below is in training now and she should be ready to run in the Spring. (Get a load of those Reeboks.) Ridiculous, you say. No more ridiculous than having over 100 members in the FTA and averaging 3.5 members flying in each of the ten competitive flys. You members certainly are not flying your birds in our competitions, so why not run them?

I know that I am being facetious about the Pigeon Run, but I am trying very hard to make your members realize how nice it would be to participate in the flys. If each member would only make it a point to fly in at least one fly in 1996, it would be a big improvement over past years. How much effort does it take to release three birds early in the morning and check on them each hour. In my mind there is no earthly reason why a member cannot participate in at least one fly in 1996. Please make a sincere effort to do so.

Jery O'Rourke, Central Timer



Heinz H. Kaupechafer

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Mr. Kaupechafer, our FTA member from Germany, sent us a few of his German Club's Tippler Bulletins. In the interests of brevity, we cannot publish all of these Bulletins, however, a German language teacher picked out an article that he thought would be of interests to our members. We quote it below, and we thank Mr. Kaupechafer for sending it to us. Incidentally, if any of our members can read German and would be interested in obtaining a copy of these Bulletins, contact Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, Ma. 02062.

QUARANTINE FOR NEW PIGEONS

"The situation: You just got some new pigeons or some lost pigeons have been returned. What do most do without thinking? They put them immediately back in with all the others. People don't first check out body condition and health condition.

How badly this can turn out! You should always quarantine the birds in such a case. It would be best to put them in separate cages over wire floors so you can check droppings (they give you many clues.) If the droppings are thin, watery or green, you had best get the bird to a Vet for an exam. On you own you could add some medicine to the drinking water to ward off Trichomoniasis and worms. If one places the above mentioned birds in with the regular flock too early, the whole brood could become unnecessarily infected - and that can be expensive when dealing with the treatment of so many birds. As they say..... Prevention is better than treatment."

A sample of the lead page to this German Bulletin is attached. The fly times are quite impressive.

5. FLUG (Jungtippler), 22./23. Juli 95, 5 Uhr.



<u>Teilnehmer:</u>	<u>Flugzeit:</u>	<u>Flugteam:</u>	<u>Schiedsrichter:</u>
1. Olaf Ullwerich Hamburg (Sa)	16.30 Std.	6jung: 678-80-1-2-83- 722/95	Menges, Gaul, Arndt
2. Milan Jelić Augsburg (Sa)	16.05 Std.	3jung: 3845-3874- 3875/95	Abraham, Neu- ad/Zagreb(!)
3. Hans Harotke Bergkamen (Sa)	15.25 Std.	3jung: 856-862-864/95	Berger
4. Hans-Herbert Schröder Schwemin (So)	15.07 Std.	3jung: 816-823-824/95	Pohl
5. Ernst Terwege Bocholt (Sa)	14.44 Std.	11jung: 1335-7-9-42-3-8-50- 2573--72-78-2579/95	Tewisse, Ueffing
6. Ibrahim Karakoc Hallbergmoos (Sa)	14.27 Std.	3jung: 3693-3696-3698/95	Macaner
7. Eberhard Furkert Recklinghausen (So)	13.31 Std.	3jung: 71-654-656/95	Baumert
8. Werner Pastoors Kevelaer (Sa)	13.25 Std.	4jung: 96-98-102-104/95	Ziegler
9. Rajko Eichberg Dassow (So)	13.09 Std.	3jung: 895-896-878/95	Jahn
10. Paul Berns Kleve (Sa)	13.00 Std.	14jung: 1-2-3-4-5-7-8-10-11-Hövelmann 13-14-15-18-20/95	

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SPRING SERIES I

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OLD BIRDS

SP1 OFFICIAL SYSTEM

1. 15:25 O. Zovich, 1995.
2. 15:16 O. Zovich, 1988
3. 15:12 G. Chater, 1987
4. 15:10 O. Zovich, 1989
5. 15:06 O. Zovich, 1987
6. 15:05 W. Kahlert, 1986
7. 15:03 O. Zovich, 1986
8. 15:02 O. Zovich, 1985
9. 14:55 J. Mead, 1985
10. 14:54 O. Zovich, 1984
11. 14:51 S. Basic, 1988
12. 14:50 S. Harris, 1991
13. 14:45 G. Chater, 1984
14. 14:36 J. Mead, 1987
15. 14:31 J. Prochilo, 1974
16. 14:28 R. Seabridge, 1984
17. 14:23 H. Ahmadi, 1993
18. 14:11 B. Rotschi, 1974
19. 14:07 R. Seabridge, 1986
20. 14:05 A. Lukez, 1982
- 14:05 S. Basic,

HONOR SYSTEM

1. 14:30 S. Ferguson, 1980
2. 14:21 R. Kehrler, 1993
3. 13:58 B. Conboy, 1975
4. 13:52 E. Ball, 1975
5. 13:36 R. Kehrler, 1992
6. 13:25 F. Ratel, 1979
7. 13:18 J. Smith, 1981
8. 12:52 R. Seabridge, 1978
9. 12:43 H. J. Smith, 1995
10. 12:35 M. Beat, 1990
11. 12:07 H. Johnson, 1978
12. 12:03 M. Franz, 1985
13. 12:00 R. Prisco, 1975
14. 11:45 S. Ferguson, 1979
15. 11:20 F. Ratel, 1980
16. 11:17 T. Kvidera, 1977
- 11:17 M. Franz, 1984
17. 10:40 R. Mentel, 1985
18. 10:30 G. Cant, 1981
19. 10:21 S. R. Powell, 1990
20. 10:07 P. Rado, 1990

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SPRING SERIES II

OLD BIRDS

SP2 OFFICIAL SYSTEM

1. 16:00 O. Zovich, 1992
2. 15:59 O. Zovich, 1995
3. 15:47 D. Kinnear, 1986
4. 15:40 O. Zovich, 1986
5. 15:39 O. Zovich, 1989
6. 15:26 O. Zovich, 1994
7. 15:22 M. Kobulsky, 1990
8. 15:20 M. Beat, 1992
9. 15:17 H. Ahmadi, 1993
10. 15:16 J. Mead, 1985
11. 15:12 M. Kobulsky, 1986
12. 15:10 J. Mead, 1987
13. 15:08 J. Mead, 1989
14. 15:07 S. Ogozalek, 1986
15. 15:02 S. Harris, 1991
16. 15:00 W. Tomsic, 1986
17. 14:47 A. Lukez, 1983
18. 14:45 A. Lukez, 1982
19. 14:34 J. Rounbehler, 1974
20. 14:26 L. Kapac, 1994

HONOR SYSTEM

1. 15:32 H. Ahmadi, 1994
2. 15:12 S. Ferguson, 1979
3. 15:07 L. Kapac, 1995
4. 15:01 R. Kehrler, 1994
5. 14:51 E. Ball, 1975
6. 14:38 S. Ogozalek, 1990
7. 14:20 J. Russo, 1995
8. 14:00 S. Brozyna, 1988
9. 13:45 S. Ratel, 1980
10. 13:20 R. Seabridge, 1978
11. 13:18 H. J. Smith, 1995
12. 13:14 G. Hulst, 1995
13. 12:35 H. Johnson, 1978
14. 12:34 S. Ogozalek, 1994
15. 12:28 J. Smith, 1981
16. 12:22 T. Kvidera, 1975
17. 12:12 M. Franz, 1985
18. 11:48 R. Kehrler, 1993
19. 11:31 S. R. Powell, 1987
20. 11:23 P. Rado, 1990

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SPRING SERIES III

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OLD BIRDS

SP3 OFFICIAL SYSTEM

1. 16:24 S. Basic, 1992
2. 16:21 S. Lukez, 1985
3. 16:12 O. Zovich, 1992
4. 16:10 A. Lukez, 1984
5. 16:00 G. Chater, 1984
6. 15:40 R. Seabridge, 1986
7. 15:30 M. Kobulsky, 1988
8. 15:22 H. Ahmadi, 1993
9. 15:15 J. Rounbehler, 1974
10. 15:02 L. Brozyna, 1985
11. 14:12 W. Tomsic, 1984
12. 13:58 S. Harris, 1991
13. 13:48 O. Zovich, 1986
14. 13:44 H. Keay, 1992
15. 13:35 R. Seabridge, 1982
16. 13:31 R. Seabridge, 1976
17. 13:28 G. Chater, 1982
18. 13:18 S. Bliszczy, 1976
19. 13:12 O. Zovich, 1982
20. 13:08 S. Ogozalek, 1982

HONOR SYSTEM

1. 15:32 M. Kobulsky, 1990
2. 15:17 S. Ferguson, 1980
3. 15:12 T. Kvidera, 1976
4. 15:08 S. Ogozalek, 1993
5. 15:07 E. Ball, 1974
6. 14:20 T. Mirseyedi, 1993
7. 14:16 S. Ratel, 1978
8. 14:14 S. R. Powell, 1987
9. 13:48 J. Smith, 1976
10. 13:47 E. Buraczewski, 1985
11. 13:25 B. Conboy, 1975
12. 13:20 M. Kobulsky, 1992
13. 13:03 G. Hulst, 1995
14. 13:02 E. Buraczewski, 1977
15. 12:59 J. Smith, 1981
16. 12:42 E. Young, 1993
17. 12:19 J. O'Rourke, 1991
18. 11:40 E. Buraczewski, 1981
19. 11:30 S. R. Powell, 1989
20. 11:17 E. Brozyna, 1983

The following article appeared in the December issue of Pigeon Debut. It was sent in by our Co-Publicity Director, Howard Kogan. The article is as follows:

F. T. A. Summer Fly Series

"The three summer flys of the Flying Tippler Association including the Long Day fly held this year on June 16 & 17 had fewer flyers than we would have liked (seven) and hardly any decent flys. Our Central Timer, Jerry O'Rourke, posted the best fly time of 4:07 in the series.

The question that immediately arises is where are all you flyers? I know the reasons; no time, long work hours, too many other activities, neighbor problems, hawk problems, and family problems. Well, I can understand them all. In fact members who fly complain about the same problems!

And it's the truth. For me the real question is: how important is the sport to you? Do you think of it as a way of connecting with the natural world? As a way of participating in a traditional sport that is over 100 years old and probably has roots that go back hundreds of years?

As a way of competing with others in a demonstration of your skill as a breeder and trainer? Do you think of it as an activity that you can share with your children and spouse to strengthen the bonds between you? Do you think of it as a way or relating to people all over the world through a common interest? Not to mention; don't you know how much fun you're missing?

Do something important. Fly the birds."

THE FEED-UP

An Aspect Of The Tippler Sport

There is widespread belief that the primary way top-level participants in the Flying Tippler Competition get their competitive edge by feeding the birds special, secret diets. Since so many people seem to believe that diet is crucial to success in the fly, it is not surprising that a large measure of fascination and curiosity surrounds the practice of the feed-up. The feed-up is supposed to give your birds a nutritional boost just before a major event, such as the Flying Tippler Competition.

The body has the ability to store carbohydrates, both as glucose in the bloodstream and as glycogen in the muscles. Sound training can increase the bird's body's ability to store carbohydrates as glycogen. The increased blood volume of the birds may allow them to carry around larger amounts of glucose when they are highly trained.

No matter how well the birds are trained, they may well run out of stored carbohydrates at some point during the fly if not properly fueled. The point of the feed-up is to delay that moment of depletion as long as possible, because when it happens, physical performance diminishes rapidly. There are many types of feed-ups commonly used with success. The one that I prefer the most is that of Wilf Lovatt.

Wilf Lovatt, an English gentleman, was the first to fly his birds 20 hours. He practiced a method which involves depleting the bird's body's glycogen and glucose stores just prior to the feed-up. This is achieved by first increasing the workout to 5 hours about a week before the race. The next step is to feed the birds very little in the way of carbohydrates for two to three days, concentrating on food sources high in protein such as maple peas while the exercise schedule is increased again this time to 7 hours. This reduces the level of stored carbohydrates in the bloodstream and works the muscles to their lowest points. Finally, three to four days before the fly, the eating and exercise pattern is reversed. The level of exercise is reduced to nothing, and at the same time the consumption of carbohydrates increases while protein is correspondingly cut. The amount of fat in the diet during this time should be kept low at less than 25%. Thus, carbohydrates make up almost all of the calories consumed. The theory behind this type of method is that only by depleting the body of its carbohydrate stores can the blood and muscles optimally supersaturate with glycogen.

I have included a program regarding an appropriate Tippler diet for participants in the Flying Tippler Competition. It is based on both my own experience and information I have compiled from researching the sports-nutrition field over the years. Following these guidelines does not necessarily guarantee record performance, but it may help you fly your birds to the best of their ability. Using this program which I have slightly altered from the original, I have flown young birds, often as squeakers, many times over 15 hours. Practicing the same method but with longer workouts, my best flying time for old birds is 16:24.

YOUNG TIPPLER TRAINING AND FEEDING SCHEDULE

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THURSDAY	3:00	BARLEY
FRIDAY		BARLEY
SATURDAY	3:30	BARLEY, ELECTROLYTES
SUNDAY		BARLEY
MONDAY	5:00	MAPLES
TUESDAY		MAPLES
WEDNESDAY	7:00	MAPLES, COD LIVER OIL CAPSULE, WATER
THURSDAY		CORN, TONIC
FRIDAY		CORN, WHEAT MIX*, TONIC
SATURDAY A.M.		CORN, WHEAT, MIX, HEMP, TONIC
SATURDAY P.M.		CORN, WHEAT, MIX, WATER
SUNDAY A.M.		WATER
SUNDAY P.M.	15:47	CANARY SEED, CORN, WHEAT, ELECTROLYTES

*MIX: Equal parts of canary seed, rape and millet.


FOUR STAGES OF TIPPLER TRAINING AND FEEDING PROGRAM

- 1) Training period - Barley
- 2) Depletion process - Maple peas
- 3) Basic feed-up period - Corn, wheat, small seeds, tonics
- 4) Recovery process - Canary, corn, wheat, electrolytes

FOOD ANALYSIS

	Protein%	Carbohydrates%	Fats%
Barley	12.7	66.6	1.9
Maple Peas	22.5	59.1	0.9
Corn (small)	8.9	68.9	3.9
Wheat	15.2	70.9	1.8
Canary Seed	14.0	52.0	5.5
Rape	22.0	20.0	40.0
Millet	23.0	23.0	34.0
Hemp	16.0	25.0	30.0

I highly recommend using this program but remember that the merits of the feed-up should not be overstated. One of the elements that will be manifested, more than any other, in the outcome of the fly is your commitment to training. If you did not loose that commitment, along the way, your birds will do wonders for you in the Flying Tippler Competition. Good Luck!


Smail Basic

ENGLAND

I wonder sometimes whether Americans realize just how small England really is. Looking at a map of the British Isles it will be found that if Ireland, Scotland and Wales are blacked out, a bit of land about 400 miles by about 150 miles is all that is left.

Running down the middle from North to the South midlands, we have a range of mountains called the "Pennine Chain." This is often called the Backbone of England. Sheffield is just to the east of the Pennines and Manchester is over the mountains to the west.

Much of the Pennine area is a bleak desolate place with a lot of moorland, isolated dales, farms involving many, many miles of stone walls dividing the fields. These walls are hundreds of years old.

Regarding the Tippler fancy, if you take a compass and draw a circle centered upon the city of Birmingham, the diameter of which is not more than 200 miles, you will have encompassed practically the entire Tippler and Roller fraternities.

It stands to reason, then, that we do not have the climatic variations that Americans have. Even in the depths of Winter we have days when it's fine and mild. Some winters, we see very little snow. We do not have the terrible hurricanes, earthquakes, forest fires. We do not have the terrible heat even in mid-Summer. 1995 was our hottest Summer, but for a couple of hours, or even right up until 930AM, it was not too bad. A chap could walk, work outside and even fly his pigeons. There were, however, a few afternoons when it was too hot, about 90 degrees, and we didn't like it. It was not long before we had a water shortage.

I am told that in some parts of the USA it is not possible to fly pigeons due to heat and humidity for several months every year. We, on the other hand, may get the very occasional day like that.

Also, being rather packed, all of the Tippler men know each other very well. About a hundred of them take part in the contests from April to July. Many of the Tippler men also keep Rollers in order to have something to fly for pleasure almost all of the year round. Such Tippler and Roller men are quite different to the men who only keep Rollers for flying competitions. The pleasure flying Roller man has more elbow room. He can adopt a more realistic and less severe attitude.

However, England, being a small country, the isolation found in the USA is not known. For this reason, I have to say that I have found more open-mindedness, more friendliness, more goodwill and cheerful attitude than I normally find in England.

Jack Prescott

THE MACCLESFIELD TIPPLERS

At the same time that certain high flying and performing pigeons came to Sheffield, England, they also arrived in Macclesfield .

There was a very dedicated interest in one particular type in Macclesfield and this became widely known as the Mac Tippler.

Now the word "TIPPLER" is an old dialect word meaning "TUMBLER." Several years ago in areas around Sheffield, to tipple meant to fall down. Like many English dialect words it was restricted to a small area, and outside of such areas, these dialect words were unknown.

Other examples:

- LAIK - means PLAY
- BAIRN - means BABY
- BRASS - means MONEY
- MYTHER - means TROUBLE
- FETTLIN - means CLEANING UP

Now, outside of Yorkshire these words are not known.

The word, TIPPLE, was certainly used in South Yorkshire and Cheshire, but in fairly recent times our dialects have nearly vanished. Only the old people know such words.

The very early imports were certainly high flyers and a lot of them would tumble too. Therefore, they were called Tipplers because the dialect word prevailed.

Macclesfield is not far from Sheffield and trains run often - a 30 mile trip. The Sheffield men accepted the fact that a Macclesfield type existed and Macclesfield men were recognized for their work with this type. Among them was Joe Hall who was said to be "The Father of Tipplers." Joe Hall lived for a time in Congleton which is very close to Macclesfield.

At first, the Mac type was popular in Sheffield. In fact, the word TIPPLER was dropped and old Sheffielders used to call them all - Macs. However, as contests developed, the need to fly into darkness was required. A Sheffield cross was made and these crosses were better at flying into darkness. No one knows what crosses were used, but blacks and blues appeared. Some people like Guise kept pure Macs and these had a beautiful high flying style. They flew with tails spread in a steady almost hovering style. However, the Sheffield crosses and other types sprang up and the true Mac declined. However, the true Mac blood is still likely to show up.

Very often, Prints, Greys, Tortoise shells turn up that look very much like those seen in old photos from way back. Some of these even fly rather like the old Macs too. Therefore, the Macs are there to be reclaimed by selection in the air.

It is, however, remarkable that they are not very good in the dark if they also fly in the Mac style. Not all Prints, Greys and Tortoise shells will present the Mac style of flying and I daresay they will fly to darkness. I suppose that some true Macs have responded to dark training too. It is just a conclusion they are not so reliable in the dark.

In passing, some other types or individuals of other types will not do well in the dark. However, the Mac type is known in the USA. You have to watch their style of tail spread and grace to identify them however. No one keeps them in Macclesfield now.

I like them and I always will.

Jack Prescott

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From the Secretary:

Please look over our 1996 Membership List. If you have any changes you want made in it, please contact Jerry O'Rourke and I know that he will be happy to make any changes that you request.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

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FOR SALE

Jack Prescott's book, "My Way with Pigeons. \$10.00 cash. Write to: Jack Prescott, 6 Groore Avenue, Sheffield, S94GE, England

A HAPPY CUSTOMER

Joe Russo sold some pure Lovatt pigeons to Jon Mazaran, a flyer with the FTS. Jon wrote to Joe: "Just want to let you know the tipplers we got from you are doing fine. I really like these pigeons. Thank you very, very much. I can't wait til December, going to start early this season."

Joe doesn't have any birds available at this time, but will have some later in the year.

Contact Joe Russo, 640 6th St., West Babylon, NY. 11704

BEAUTIFUL COLOR PRINTS

by JACOB RELOSVKY

12"x17" Prints for \$22.50 Postage Paid. English Modenas, Show Kings, Brunner Pouters, Swing Pouters.

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Make checks out to the "SPCC" SEND TO: Ricky Duckett. 6459 W 77 St., Tulsa, OK. 74131

FTA JACKET OR HAT PATCH

A beautiful 4" circumference patch depicting a Light Print Tippler on a royal Blue background with FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA in white letters.

Would look great on jacket or baseball cap. \$4.00 each.

Contact: Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062

FOR SALE: Tipplers, Lovatt strain, From Richard Seabridge lines.

Reds, blacks, Blues, Bars, Mottles and Grizzles. Stan Seibel, 287 Heckman St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

Tel. 908-859-3505.

TO PUT AN AD IN THE CLASSIFIEDS: If any of our members would like to put an ad in this Section, just write it up and send it to Jerry O'Rourke. No charge

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

March, 1996

Copy to: Buraczewski, Kehrer, Russo, Weichec, O'Rourke, Kogan, Basic, Beat, Ogozalek, Powell, Tomsic, Zovich, and Fuller

I would like to thank you all for the great response to the January Officers' Communication. I received a response from all but one. That is fantastic!! I am not sure if I will get this out before Joe does the March Bulletin. If not, some of it will be redundant in announcing the results of the dues, bands and fly fees as well as the 1996 fly schedule. But I will also share the results of the balance of the balloting and request further comment on many issues.

Fly Schedule - Traditional (5), Traditional with FTS spring dates (6), One ballot voted for a totally open schedule.

I have announced in the upcoming Bulletin that we will have our FTA Spring Series fly dates coincide with the FTS dates. 1996 FTA Fly dates will be;

Spring Series - Old Birds
April 20/21, May 4/5, May 18/19

Summer Series - Young Birds - Except Long Day (Any Age)
June 8/9, June 22/23 (Long Day), July 6/7

Fall Series - Any Age
September 14/15, September 28/29, October 12/13
Stock Fly - October 26/27

FTA Dues - \$15.00 per year (8), \$20.00 per year (3) plus one ballot to leave at \$10.00 Dues are being announced at \$15.00 per year.

FTA Bands - \$25.00 per 100 (7), \$30.00 per 100 (3) Bands are being announced at \$25.00 per 100, or \$6.25 per 25

FTA Fly entry fee - \$2.00 (5), \$3.00 (5), \$4.00 (0), \$5.00 (2) Fly entry fee is being announced at \$3.00 per fly.

These money matters are now settled for the near future. The rest of the topics follow....

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The Traditional fly schedule is — pretty good as is (2), needs minor changes (7), needs total revamping (3). Based on this and some of the following results it is apparent that we are much more interested in minor changes to our flying system than a total makeover.

Winter flies for southern members - Yes (9), No (3) We will propose a Winter Series for the general membership to vote on. Richard Kehrler has consented to chair a committee to develop appropriate dates. David Fuller will assist Richard.

Beat concept, many flies in season long contest - Yes (0), No (12) This concept will be dropped from Executive Board consideration.

Powell concept, totally open fly system - Yes (2), No (9) This fly system will also be dropped from further Board consideration.

Zovich concept, less flies farther apart - Yes (7), No (4), Maybe (1) It looks like this version needs to be discussed further and developed into something to submit to the members.

Basic concept, allowing old and young bird kits to be flown in all contests, keeping results separate - Yes (5), No (7) This option has enough Board interest for us to keep it on the table for further comment.

Russo concept, move young birds to Fall Series competitions - Yes (8), No (4) We will continue to discuss this.

O'Rourke concept, two Divisions - Yes (5), No (7) We will continue to discuss this

Novice Program - Yes (10) No (2) We are obviously interested in developing some sort of novice program. Need comments on what it ought to be like. Maybe even a volunteer to chair a committee to put together a proposal/s to submit to the members. Any takers???

Kogan concept, ribbons to top 3 or 5 placings in each fly - Yes (9), No (3) Looks like we are interested in this. Need to decide how many places to award. Does first place get ribbon and the winnings money now sent in lieu of trophy?

Kehrler concept, sending all members a Timer's Report form so can fly without pre-entering - Yes (6), No (6) We need further discussion on this and probable re-balloting. Is not necessary to have general membership vote.

"Season Pass" discount on fly entry - Yes (6), No (6) We need more discussion and suggestion as to extent of the discount.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Executive Board Balloting Results

The following changes to the FTA Constitution should be forwarded to the general membership for consideration.

Article II, Section 1, line 3. Change word "national" competition to "association" competition. Yes (11) No (1)

Article IV, Section 2. Change to calendar year membership - January 1 through December 31. Yes (11) No (1)

Article V, Section 1. Allow non-FTA member Timers if accepted by a recognized Tippler organization (i.e. ATU, OTU, FTS, etc.) in addition to the affiliated club exception with the same prenotification stipulation.

Yes (10) No (2)

Article V, Section 1. Allow anyone familiar with the fly rules to be timer.

Yes (2) No (10)

Article VI, Section 3. Separate elected offices listed of Secretary and Treasurer.

Yes (11) No (0)

Article VI, Section 4. Split up the duties for respective responsibilities of Secretary and Treasurer and add a sentence the both positions may be filled by one individual simultaneously.

Yes (11) No (1)

Article VII. Weekday flying. Eliminate?

Yes (3) No (9)

Article VII. Stock Fly - Eliminate as a specific contest, allow flyer to compete in any contest during the year with a stock kit and at the end of the season award those with top stock kit times.

Yes (7) No (5)

Article VII. Stock Fly - We have a conflict in the definition of a stock kit. Constitution says 8 - 12 birds, Fly Rule #1 says minimum of 8. Ask membership to decide?

Yes (10) No (1)

PROPOSED FLY RULE CHANGES

Rule 5. Only FTA banded birds are allowed in young bird flys. Some want to allow non-FTA banded young birds. Should we change this?

Yes (7) No (5)

If we allow non-FTA banded young birds, do we....

Require registration of bands before the season? Yes (6) No (1)

Charge a fee to register non-FTA bands? Yes (5) No (2)

Rule 8, line 3. Insert "at the termination of the fly" settled within....

Yes (11) No (0)

Rule 8. Release time now is a maximum of 30 minutes prior to sunrise. Should we change this release time? Yes (11) No (1)

If we change, what to? No set time (1)

45 minutes for old birds, 30 for young birds (0)

one hour (10)

One and a half hours (0)

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Rule 11. Change to - "Timer is free to judge from what ever location he considers best to verify that the kit is performing in compliance with the competition rules."?

Yes (12) No (0)

Rule 18. Two and a half hour at release to spot kit.

Leave as is (8) Change to allow 3 hours for young birds (4)

Rule 23. Timer - Allow non-FTA member timers if approved by a recognized Tippler club.

Yes (10) No (2)

Rule 23. Timer - Allow anyone to be a timer.

Yes (2) No (10)

Rule 38. Split kit in dark - currently when a kit is detected as split in the dark time is taken and one hour is allowed to drop and trap the kit. In daylight we allow one hour for the kit to get together or be disqualified or the flyer 30 minutes to decide whether to drop the kit (see rule 25). Do we want separate and different rules for daylight versus dark split kits?

Yes (1) No (11)

From the above results we have many obvious overwhelming majority consensus items in the Constitution and Fly Rule proposals. There are only a couple that we need to continue to discuss - stock fly and requiring FTA bands on young birds. We will not propose that anyone familiar with the rules be allowed to be a Timer. We will not propose to eliminate the weekday flying provision. And we will not propose a change to the two and a half hour rule. With the above mentioned exceptions all will be submitted to the general membership for consideration and with one other exception, dark flying rules, need not be further discussed.

We have by majority vote decided to submit to the membership the option of making every fly a potential stock fly. If they accept that then we will have to make appropriate changes to Article VII of the Constitution and rule #1 of the Fly Rules.

We also decided to allow the membership to decide on whether young birds need to be FTA banded or not. If not, then we feel that the non-FTA bands need to be registered with the FTA and that there ought to be some fee. We need to decide how much fee, when it will be due, how many bands need to be registered, etc. If we do not require a member to register all his bands at the beginning of the breeding season, we might require that the kit birds be registered prior to the fly. If we register all bands verses just some the cost per band would probably be different. Or maybe we just charge a higher fly entry fee for non-FTA banded youngsters and "register" them on the fly entry or Timer's Report. I am sure you guys can come up with some other options.

Dark flying rules - we have decided that we do not think that there should be different rules for flying in the dark than during the day regarding a split. The only place that we describe what constitutes a split kit is in the dark flying rules wherein it says that if all birds cannot be seen at the same time they are considered to be split. Do we want to define a split in the daylight the same way? Some other way? Do we even want to require the kit to be "together" throughout the flight? In the NTU as long as the Timer

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can verify that all the birds of the kit are flying the time continues to count even if the birds are actually split and flying with someone else's kit. What are your thoughts on this topic?

We also need more input on the various topics from page two that have shown a decent amount of Board interest - having less flys farther apart, letting young birds be flown in any contest, moving the young bird flys to the Fall Series, Divisional flys, novice program, ribbon awards, sending all members a Timer's Report in the Bulletin, and a "season pass" rate for the fly entry.

Is anyone out there willing to chair a committee of one, or more members, to develop a proposal for a novice program? Get costs, etc. on different type, sizes, etc. of ribbons?

I have sent an ad into the Pigeon Debut magazine on behalf the FTA which lists the dues as \$15.00 per year and Jerry as the Treasurer. In doing so I made an executive decision that I, through oversight, had not addressed with you on the Board. Until I was putting together the wording for the ad I had not given any thought to our junior member dues. They have been \$2.50 for a number of years, ever since the senior dues were \$5.00. So in the ad I raised them to \$5.00 per year for the juniors. Hope that this does not meet with too many disapprovals.

Again **THANK YOU** for the tremendous response to the last Officers' Communication. Let's digest what we have voted upon and respond with input to the topics that need further discussion. I think that we have come a long way towards getting through the many issues that have been brought up. With the exchange of ideas on the remaining topics on the table in the next O. C. or two I think that we will be able to wrap most of it up and give the membership some well thought through alternatives to choose from for the future flying contests format.

On the back side of this page I am including a copy of the latest financial summary that I have received from Jerry. It will show you right where we are at the moment moneywise. Thanks Jerry for doing such a nice job of keeping us informed. He has sent the same to Joe for publication in the Bulletin.

Hope that this finds all of you off to a good start to the breeding season. I put mine together last weekend. Too soon to tell if any of them are settled in as none have been let out of the boxes yet. Am going with 4 pair of Hughes, 3 pair of birds from Ted Kovacs that I think may go back to Zovich by way of Ahmadi, and 9 pair of my line. Got a few hold overs that will with luck give me something to try to make an old bird kit of cocks.

Best wishes
Tom

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REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
January 1, 1996 to February 23, 1996

INCOME

1/6	Transfer of funds from W. Wiechec to J. O'Rourke	\$240.43
	Current Dues from 41 Members and 1 Jr Member	415.00
	1850 Bands sold (WW sold 300 prior to transfer)	370.00
	Donations to FTA by various members	76.50
	Fly Sheets requested and sold to date	42.00

OTHER INCOME

1/12	DECEMBER BANK STATEMENT INTEREST EARNED	.04
1/18	J. O'Rourke's 1995 Fly Sheets not deducted	10.50
2/5	JANUARY BANK STATEMENT INTEREST EARNED	.82

TOTAL: -----
\$1155.29

EXPENSES

1/6	Opened new account for FTA -charge for checks	\$ 11.76
1/6	Purchased Rubber Stamp -DEPOSIT ONLY STAMP	10.90
1/16	FTA checks 101-106 to members for 1995 Fly Awards	113.00
1/16	FTA check 107 to Post Office for mailing 23 band order	10.01
1/18	FTA check 108 to Central Timer for 1995 Expenses	57.46
1/18	Wiechec check to Russo cancelled account closed Buffalo	20.00
1/20	FTA check 109 to Joe Russo makeup cancelled WW check	20.00
1/21	FTA check 110 for Petty Cash to have on hand for mailings	25.00
1/21	FTA check 111 to Joe Russo for Bulletin expenses, mailings.	149.65
2/5	FTA check 112 NYNEX for FTA business calls.	20.67
2/5	JANUARY BANK STATEMENT SERVICE CHARGES	3.00
2/13	FTA check 113 to Gey Band & Tag Co., 1997 Order, 1/2 Down now.	264.50

		\$705.95

TOTAL INCOME: \$1155.29
TOTAL EXPENSES: 705.95

BALANCE: \$ 449.34

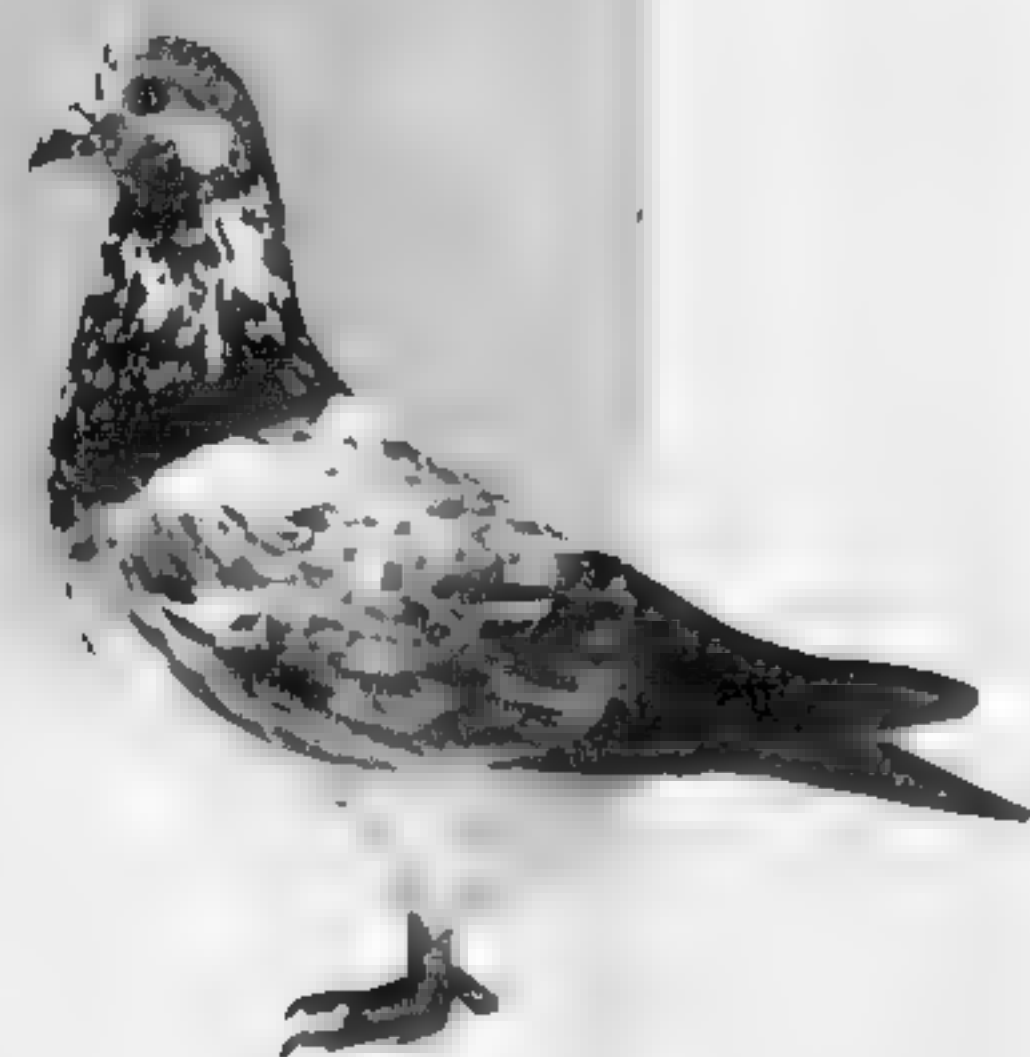
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BULLETIN



FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



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IN MEMORIAM

The Officers and members of the FTA would like to extend our deepest sympathies to our fellow member, John Kleis, and his family, upon the passing of his beloved wife, Millie. John and Millie were married for 54 years, which is a remarkable record in this day and age, or any age, for that matter. John was truly blessed to have such a wonderful wife and companion for all those years, and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to give a special THANK YOU to the following members who so generously gave a donation to the FTA when renewing their dues and ordering bands: George James, Smail Basic, Don Pisowicz, Oskar Zovich.

FTA ELECTIONS

The two year terms of all the current FTA Officers and Directors will expire on December 31, 1996. While it may seem a little early to be thinking about elections, what we would like to do is ask all members to nominate someone they would like to see serve as an Officer or Director of the FTA. If you would like to run for office, send in your name. We will send out ballots with the September Bulletin and announce the results in the December Bulletin. This way we can save money and will not have to mail out separate ballots and results to each member. Our current officers are:

President	- Tim Kvidera
Eastern VP	- Ed Buraczewski
Western VP	- Richard Kehrner
Secretary	- Joe Russo
Treasurer	- Jerry O'Rourke
Publicity Director	- Smail Basic and Howard Kogan
Board of Directors	- Michael Beat, Stan Ogozalek, S. Robert Powell, Wayne Tomsic and Oskar Zovich.
Central Timer	- Jerry O'Rourke

Send all nominations to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062. Joe Russo and I will then compile a Ballot for the September Bulletin and we will publish the results in December. Let's everyone contribute to this election.

1996 FTA BANDS

There are still some 1996 FTA Bands available for those members who have not ordered any as yet. Bands are now \$25.00 per 100 or \$12.50 for 50, or \$6.25 per lot of 25. Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062

LETTERS AND NOTES

We endeavor to publish all letters and notes received from our various members in our Bulletins, and we do so wherever possible. However, if you do not wish to have your letters published, just put a notation thereon: "NOT FOR PUBLICATION" and we will adhere to your request.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

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The following subject is distasteful for me to write about, but I believe it should be addressed. Before I joined the FTA and FTS, I flew my birds with the ATU. In the ATU you have to pick your Fly Day at least a week in advance, Saturday or Sunday. Once you pick your day, you cannot change it. If you pick Saturday and the weather is no good, or some other reason you don't want to fly, you cannot change to Sunday. Same as if you pick Sunday, you cannot change to Saturday.

So because of this Rule I have put my birds up in fog hoping the fog would burn off; put them up in rain hoping the rain would stop; put them up when it was very hot hoping a cold front would come down from Canada. The most important thing was to fly.

Since the ATU is a local Club (New York, New Jersey, Conn., and some members in PA.) other members would stop by to see how the birds were doing. Other flyers, or their Timers, would call to see how the birds were doing. Sometimes we would have a meeting the same day as a fly. When I got to the meeting everyone already knew how my birds did that day and the other flyers' birds also.

When I joined the FTA and FTS I would see the results of the Flys and say to myself, "Some of these guys are great flyers. I wonder why they don't fly in more flys." I thought maybe they only fly when the weather is just right or because of work or family. By the second year I started to realize that some flyers had many more Fly Reports than they reported. Then some members admitted to me that they knew of other members who, when they did not have a good fly, would not turn in the Fly Report to the Central Timer.

We all have egos; we all like to look good, but not turning in a Fly Report when you flew? Tippler men who fly competition all know if something is going to go wrong, it will happen in a competition fly (Don't ask me why). To give you an example, some of my timers are very knowledgeable Tippler men and I wish I knew half as much as they know. Anyways, I'm sitting in my backyard with my Timer and we are four hours into a fly. I'm reading and I hear him say, you are going to be disqualified today. I look up and all three birds are flying. I said, "what are you talking about? He points to a telephone pole 200 feet from my loft and says, "your black check wants to land on it." I tell my timer that bird never landed on a telephone pole. None of my birds ever land on telephone poles; maybe when they are young they will land on houses and trees, but never on telephone poles. Half an hour later the black check lands on a telephone pole. Now I want him to come to the loft so I can check him out. He stays on the pole 45 minutes and then joins the other two birds for the rest of the day. (Disqualified.) I personally believe it is the Timers. I believe they pray for the birds to land and the flyer prays for them to keep flying.

W. Lovatt, after he broke the world's record in 1957, had a 3 hour and 46 minute flight. Coulter from Northern Ireland had two or three disqualifications before he broke the world's record in 1992. Lovatt was, and Coulter still is, a Master Flyer. Are our flyers any better than them? I'll let you answer that question.

Maybe it's because I was a Police Officer for 20 years. I question things that don't look right. What creditably do these flyers and their timers have, when a fly report is not reported, what else is not reported? Split kit, kit not trapped within hour after 1st bird down,

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birds not seen for hours? I'm not saying this is happening, but if we can't trust them to report a fly when it was flown, how can we trust them at all?

After I said all that, that's not what really hurts the Club. It's the new members who always say I'll fly competition when I have my birds flying good. They don't want to be embarrassed thinking they have to fly 10 plus hours like some of our flyers do. They don't see fly reports from good flyers that may have flown only 2 hours or got disqualified. They read the Comments from the good flyers who flew 10 plus hours and says birds flew high all day. Great fly. They learn from the good flyers who report their fly with comments on why they did not have a good fly.

We have some of the best flyers in this Country and Canada in our Club. This Club will not last without new blood. Let's show them it is not an embarrassment not to fly 10 plus hours or to be disqualified. It happens to all of us. If there is any Club members who can fly his birds every fly, fly them 10 plus hours, never get disqualified, I will make sure he is known as a Master Flyer and receive a special award which I will pay for myself.

Anyone who does not agree with me can write in and I will put it in the next Bulletin. Joe Russo

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS FROM THE CENTRAL TIMER

So that there will be no misunderstanding concerning the Fly Report that I file after each fly contest, I would like to explain the procedure that I use, and have been using for the past six years, in my position as Central Timer.

After each fly either on Saturday or Sunday, all reports are supposed to be postmarked on Monday and mailed to me. I allow from Monday to Saturday of the week following the fly to receive all mailed Reports from our members. On Sunday, a week after the fly, I gather up all Reports and type up the Fly results and forward a copy to each participant, with a copy to Tim Kvidera and a copy to Joe Russo for the Bulletin. I believe that this is enough time to receive reports from our members if they are mailed on time.

The reason that I mention this at all is that we are only in the second week of our Fly Season and already I have had to add Supplemental Reports to the Original Reports which I had already mailed. This could prove embarrassing if someone with a winning time mails his Report in late after I have already completed the initial Report and declared the winner and mailed out his Diploma. (This did happen in the first fly of the season, but it was not the fault of the flyer, the Winning Report was torn up and lost in the mail and sent to me two weeks later by the Post Office.) However, in that first fly I did have to make a second Supplemental Report because two reports were received late. I also had to make a Supplemental Report for the Second Fly because two Reports were received late.

It creates a bit of paperwork shuffling and changing times as well as second mailings to members.

Please mail your completed Reports on the Monday following a fly.

If any member has any comments or suggestions regarding the above, I would be pleased to hear from him. JOR

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Spring Series I - April 20/21

OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM
None

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S. Basic (14:08)

FTA95-76, 87 and 61. Three hens released at 558AM. Lights and Droppers out at 806PM. All three down together at 810PM with last bird in trap at 810PM.

WEATHER:

50-60 Degrees. Winds from NW at 5-10 MPH. Humidity at 65%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds were not trained to dark. Had to drop them before dark.

CENTRAL TIMER' COMMENTS:

Smail's report was just received today (May 6th). It was damaged in mail and lost for awhile. Report received in sealed plastic cover from Post Office.

This makes Smail the winner of this Series, and I will have to move to second place finish and Richard Kehrer to third place.

If I have to take a step back in this Series, I can't think of a better person to lose to than Kemo Basic.

J. O'Rourke - (12:51)

FTA95-611 (BlueCheck) FTA95-618 (Black) and FTA95-636 (Black). Three hens released at 535AM with Droppers out at 626PM. Two birds down at 630PM and 636 down at 651PM with last bird in trap at 702PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, Sunny. 55-73 Degrees. Barometer 30.07. Winds from East at 10-15 and Humidity at 86%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Best flying kit I have had in some time. Very strong flyers. Have consistently flown over 12 hours last four times out. I hope they will continue improving. They fly very high.

R. Kehrer - (12:14)

FTS95-956, 962 and 1446. Three cocks released 600AM and droppers out at 614PM. Birds down 615PM, 617PM and 617PM with last bird in trap 621PM.

WEATHER:

Fog. Barometer 33.1. Humidity 60%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

The birds did very well. I was hoping for ten, but twelve, I didn't think they were up to that. Birds yo yoad all day.

A. Fuller (03:45)

FTA95-1814, 1820 and 1823. Cock, Hen and Hen released 703AM and one Dropper out at 1048AM. All three down at 10:48AM with last bird in trap at 10:53AM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 73-83 Degrees. Winds from South 10-15 and Humidity 69%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Not a great time, but it's a start - a mark to improve on.

J. Russo (DQ)

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ATU95-60, 66 and 67. Three hens released at 600AM and first bird came down at 11:35AM.

Disqualified because unable to bring down and trap birds within hour.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

After 5 hours, birds split. ATU95-60 could not find other birds even though we could see all three in the air. She landed 35 minutes later. The other two were way to high to bring down. They flew into the dark. At 7AM on Sunday before I went to work, checked to see if they came back. They were in the pins. (Very high in the sky)

G. Hulst (DQ)

FTA95-961 (Grizzle), 971 (Grizzle) and 989 (Red). Three cocks released at 623AM. FTA95-961 landed in a tree at 1PM and sat there for 30 minutes before rejoining kit. Let birds continue on and Thief Pouters put out at 446PM and all three came down at 446PM with last bird in trap at 510PM. Disqualified because one bird down and rest not brought down and trapped within hour.

WEATHER:

Harry. 38-65 Degrees. Barometer 30.5. Winds SW at 0-5 and low Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Not a day to fly. 961 not in form yet. Hoping for better times in the future. Birds flew at very good height.

R. Morden (DQ)

OTU95-288, 821 and 297, Three hens released at 642AM and birds down at 10:00AM. No other information regarding fly given on Report.

Disqualified because Report not completed properly.

WEATHER:

60 Degrees. Winds from NW light. Humidity 75%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Myself and two other members have imported 14 Irish Tipplers from Harry Shannon of Ireland.

Harry J. Smith (DQ)

OTU95-822, 809 and 818. Three hens released at 610AM. Birds went on split.

Disqualified because on split over hour and not dropped.

WEATHER:

No report

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

None.

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Spring Series II = May 4/5

OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

None

ALBUQUERQUE 8-28-1995

Joe Russo - (12:55)

ATU95-60 Red Mottle. ATU95-66 Silver and ATU95-67 Yellow Mottle. Three hens released at 525AM and all down together at 620PM with last bird in trap at 716PM. Witnessed by Clarence Williams in AM and Ed Buraczewski in PM.

WEATHER:

Sunny. 60-70 Degrees. Barometer 30.15. Winds NNW at 7 MPH. Humidity 67%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I cut back on my feed-up, was having too many overflys.

Gary Hulst - (07:47)

FTA95-961 Grizzle. FTA95-971 Grizzle and FTA95-989 Red. Three cocks released at 602AM and Thief Pouter Droppers out at 149PM and all down together at 149PM with last bird in trap at 215PM.

WEATHER:

Light overcast. 45-60 Degrees. Barometer 30.3. No Wind. Low humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Nice day except no wind. I flew my kit of hens on Sunday but got rained out after 6 hours.

R. Kehrer - (0713)

FTS95-956. 962 and 1446. Three cocks released at 530AM and all down together at 12:43PM with last bird in trap at 12:46PM.

WEATHER:

Sunny. 49-76 Degrees. Winds L&V. Humidity 60%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Flop, Flop, phis, phis. Birds haven't flown in 12 days. Been in the 90's. The birds don't like sit when it gets over 70 degrees.

J. O'Rourke (04:03)

FTA95-611 Blue check. FTA95-618 Black and FTA95-636 Black. Three hens released 528AM and all three came down unexpectedly at 931AM and last bird in trap at 947PM.

WEATHER:

Clear. Sunny. 5-68 Degrees. Barometer 30.12. Winds East at 13MPH. Humidity at 74%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I have no idea why they dropped out so early. Big disappointment.

A. Fuller - (02:04)

FTA95-1820 Hen. FTA95-1823 Hen and FTA95-1824 Cock. All released at 559AM and all down together at 803AM with last bird in trap at 847AM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 67-85 Degrees. Winds S at 10 KTS and Humidity at 63%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

We're working it! Short fun!

S. Ogczalek (DQ)

FTA94-1607 and 1633. FTA95-2192. Three hens released at 535AM. Disqualified because one bird split from kit and could not be located for over an hour.

WEATHER:

Fair, cool. Temperature in 60's. Winds from NW at 10-15 MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Third bird regrouped with kit later in the day and the three went on to fly until 8PM.

No other entrants

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series III- May 18-19

OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

J. Russo - (07:31)

ATU95-60, 66 and 67. Three hens released at 519AM and all three down together at 1250PM with last bird in trap at 135PM.
Witness by Frank Misa, FTA.

WEATHER:

Drizzle to sunny. 50-90 Degrees. Barometer at 29.88. Winds from SW at 10MPH and Humidity at 100%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

50 Degrees and drizzling at release. At 10AM, the sun came out and temperature shot up into the eightys. Birds came down at 1250PM panting and looking for water.

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A. FULLER - (04:48)

FTA95-1820, 1823 and 1824. Hen, Hen and cock released at 551AM. Komorner tumblers tossed at 1039AM. 1st bird down at 1039AM and other two together at 1050PM with last bird in trap at 1104AM.
Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and Dave Fuller.

WEATHER:

Mostly clear. 72-88 Degrees. Winds from South at 5-10 KTS and Humidity at 70%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

We think this is all we're going to get out of this kit, but we're working on 'em.

J. O'Rourke - (DQ)

FTA95-611 (Blue check) 618 (Black) and 636 (Black). Three hens released at 520AM and one bird dropped out at 910AM. I let the other two fly for the rest of the day and called them down at 6PM.

WEATHER:

Cloudy. 55-65 Degrees. Barometer 30.09. Winds from SE at 7 MPH and Humidity at 90%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

618 dropped out and when I checked her, she was in the process of laying an egg. Disqualified because birds not dropped and trapped within hour.

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THE TIMER

The alarm goes off. It starts a day of events that only one of us can understand. It's 4:00 a.m., dark, quiet, and the first thing on my mind is "What's the weather going to be like?" Not like I haven't been following it for the last few days.

It's June here in the North East. Long Island to be a little more exact, and our weather can change like the temperature. What's important are the humidity, barometric pressure, wind, and visibility. Why am I doing this?

In the car it's 4:15a.m. I cut a twenty minute ride to fifteen minutes and it's still dark when I pull up to Joe Russo's house. "Hi Joe!" "Hi Ed! Look's like a good day." "Could be Joe." We go back to the loft and Joe tells me he had a hard time picking today's kit. The birds are in the crate and ready to go. I record each of the band numbers, give each bird the once over, and draw my own opinion of each. Joe, at the same time, is giving me an update on each birds' performances during the week. Why am I doing this?

It's 4:45a.m. Sunrise is at 5:48a.m. American Tippler Union (A.T.U.) rules allow us to liberate the birds one hour before dawn. Joe and I watch the clock, and at 4:58a.m., liberate today's kit. Nothing to do now but watch and wait. Joe and I go inside for breakfast. Joe does a good job every time. Two hours or before from liberation, A.T.U. rules say that the birds must be sighted. We still have an hour till dawn. Plenty of time to eat. With business out of the way, this gives Joe and I time to be friends. Life, birds, work, birds, lunch, birds, friends, birds, birds, birds. Why am I doing this?

I've been flying Tipplers for thirty years and enjoy the sport. The common interest we share is reflected in every state in the country. As a member of any club, we should participate in the club functions. Why be a member if you're not an active one? Being a timer is part of what I like to do. Helping Joe, or anyone, keep time is as rewarding as a grand slam when you break your own record.

The A.T.U. members work hard to keep our sport in good standing. We have members in the tri-state region with some of the best birds in the country and we are proud of each other. We have the best fly rules and the most accurate records. Because of guys like myself who put in time to be a timer and to be a part of the club we belong to. Members of the A.T.U. are also active in the Flying Tippler Society (F.T.S.), and the Flying Tippler Association (F.T.A.). The A.T.U. is, in part, responsible for some of the fly rules used in both the F.T.S and the F.T.A.

Why am I doing this? For the birds, the friends, the food, the club and for you, the flyers.

The Timer
Ed Mahlstadt
A.T.U. Member

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES I

Young Birds

SU1 OFFICIAL SYSTEM

1.	15:47	S. Basic, 1988
2.	15:20	S. Basic, 1986
3.	15:08	S. Basic, 1989
4.	14:24	S. Basic, 1985
5.	14:20	G. Chater, 1985
6.	13:26	D. Kinneear, 1985
7.	13:25	B. Rotschi, 1983
8.	13:03	S. Basic, 1983
9.	12:54	S. Basic, 1981
10.	12:42	S. Basic, 1992
11.	12:11	B. Kennedy, 1972
12.	12:07	R. Seabridge, 1975
13.	12:02	E. Buraczewski, 1975
14.	11:03	V. Jendzo, 1968
15.	9:50	S. Basic, 1987
16.	9:32	G. Chater, 1984
17.	9:28	A. Lukez, 1980
18.	9:24	M. Beedie, 1982
19.	9:20	S. Ogozalek, 1981
20.	8:15	C. Heath, 1972

HONOR SYSTEM

1.	15:41	A. Lukez, 1988
2.	14:48	M. Kobulsky, 1988
3.	11:28	T. Mirseyedi, 1993
4.	11:24	T. Kvidera, 1979
5.	11:04	G. Hulst, 1993
6.	9:39	T. Kvidera, 1980
7.	9:35	F. Ratel, 1978
8.	8:57	R. Asencio, 1980
9.	8:55	T. Kvidera, 1983
10.	8:31	D. Bortell, 1973
11.	8:04	L. Brozyna, 1986
12.	7:56	T. Kvidera, 1975
13.	7:50	T. Kvidera, 1976
14.	7:23	R. Strain, 1981
15.	7:02	T. Kvidera, 1978
16.	5:53	P. Hagan, 1970
17.	5:34	S. R. Powell, 1987
18.	5:32	L. Brozyna, 1984
19.	4:42	N. Shirakbari, 1973
20.	4:27	J. Kelley, 1973

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES II

Long Day Fly - Any Age Birds

SU2 OFFICIAL SYSTEM

1.	18:05	M. Beat, 1992
2.	16:50	O. Zovich, 1992
3.	16:49	O. Zovich, 1991
4.	16:31	O. Zovich, 1984
5.	16:23	O. Zovich, 1985
6.	16:20	A. Lukez, 1990
7.	16:13	L. Kapac, 1993
8.	16:09	M. Kobulsky, 1986
9.	16:03	M. Kobulsky, 1988
10.	15:46	R. Seabridge, 1983
11.	15:45	S. Bliszczy, 1977
12.	15:39	M. Kobulsky, 1989
13.	15:29	S. Harris, 1991
14.	15:14	D. Kinneear, 1985
15.	15:12	M. Beat, 1991
16.	15:10	R. Seabridge, 1984
17.	15:07	A. Lukez, 1982
18.	14:38	S. Basic, 1992
19.	13:43	G. Chater, 1982
20.	13:09	R. Seabridge, 1975

HONOR SYSTEM

1.	16:03	M. Beat, 1990
2.	15:46	T. Kvidera, 1979
3.	15:11	A. Rajabnik, 1992
4.	14:44	M. Bauman, 1984
5.	14:38	K. Zamanian, 1988
6.	14:34	H. Ahmadi, 1985
7.	14:17	H. Johnson, 1977
8.	14:05	L. Brozyna, 1982
9.	13:40	F. Ratel, 1979
10.	13:32	E. Buraczewski, 1978
11.	13:08	F. Ratel, 1980
12.	12:55	S. Ferguson, 1980
13.	12:07	T. Mirseyedi, 1993
14.	11:55	T. Kvidera, 1992
15.	11:29	S. Bliszczy, 1975
16.	11:05	R. Asencio, 1980
17.	11:04	J. O'Rourke, 1990
18.	10:42	R. Strain, 1980
19.	10:39	M. Markovic, 1980
20.	10:33	T. Kvidera, 1978

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES III

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Young Birds

SUB OFFICIAL SYSTEM

1. 16:02 G. Chater, 1985
2. 14:38 G. Chater, 1984
3. 14:37 M. Kobulsky, 1988
4. 13:59 A. Lukez, 1989
5. 13:55 K. Zamanian, 1988
6. 12:46 S. Basic, 1994
7. 12:27 O. Zovich, 1984
8. 12:23 S. Basic, 1992
9. 12:07 S. Ogozalek, 1985
10. 11:30 D. Kinnear, 1984
11. 11:23 M. Kobulsky, 1985
12. 8:15 D. Borchers, 1982
13. 8:07 R. Rotchi, 1974
14. 7:39 M. Kobulsky, 1986
15. 7:28 J. Prochilo, 1974
16. 7:27 A. Lukez, 1980
17. 7:03 Knight's Loft, 1967
18. 6:45 W. Kahlert, 1984
19. 5:55 S. Randall, 1969
20. 5:54 D. Zink, 1975

HONOR SYSTEM

1. 15:35 F. Ratel, 1980
2. 15:32 T. Kvidera, 1981
3. 13:45 A. Lukez, 1984
4. 13:35 F. Ratel, 1978
5. 13:32 M. Beedie, 1984
6. 12:02 H. J. Smith, 1995
7. 11:29 R. Asencio, 1980
8. 11:18 T. Kvidera, 1994
9. 11:11 T. Kvidera, 1992
10. 10:26 R. Asencio, 1982
11. 10:12 T. Kvidera, 1974
12. 9:57 H. Ahmadi, 1985
13. 9:20 J. Smith, 1980
14. 9:12 T. Kvidera, 1976
15. 8:32 T. Kvidera, 1979
16. 8:31 H. Ahmadi, 1993
17. 7:35 R. Asencio, 1981
18. 6:52 S. R. Powell, 1987
19. 6:47 W. Tomsic, 1980
20. 5:49 T. Kvidera, 1982

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JUNGTIPPLER - WELTREKORDE

(YOUNG BIRD WORLD RECORDS)

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| 1902: 13.32 Std. (hrs.) | Hall, Stockport/England |
| 1903: 14.05 Std. | Hall, Stockport/England |
| 1904: 14.40 Std. | Hall, Stockport/England |
| 1916: 16.31 Std. | Eagle, Sheffield/England |
| 1920: 16.40 Std. | Hollingsworth, Sheffield/England |
| 1923: 16.54 Std. | Gardner & Clark, Leicester/England |
| 1927: 16.58 Std. | Holland, Sheffield/England |
| 1932: 17.00 Std. | Holland, Sheffield/England |
| 1959: 17.20 Std. | Heaton, Sheffield/England |
| 1961: 17.30 Std. | Lovatt, Hanley/England |
| 1971: 17.50 Std. | Georges, Llansamlet/Wales |
| 1976: 18.07 Std. | Hughes, Derby/England |
| 1982: 18.10 Std. | Wilson, Norwich/England |
| 1983: 18.18 Std. | Shannon, Lisburn/Nord-Irland |
| 1984: 18.26 Std. | Plester, Birmingham/England |
| 1985: 19.06 Std. | Hulse & Till, Bentley West/England |
| 1986: 19.10 Std. | Brown, Sheffield-Gleadless/England |
| 1990: 19.34 Std. | Plester, Birmingham/England |
| 1993: 19.40 Std. | Shannon, Lisburn/Nord-Irland |

Flying Tippler World Records

ALTTIPPLER - WELTREKORDE

(OLD BIRD WORLD RECORDS)

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| 1908: 18.15 Std. (hrs.) | Ward & Beech, Sheffield/England |
| 1911: 18.30 Std. | Cockayne, Sheffield/England |
| 1918: 18.32 Std. | Chamberlain, Leicester/England |
| 1922: 19.35 Std. | Cockayne, Sheffield/England |
| 1957: 19.42 Std. | Lovatt, Hanley/England |
| 1958: 19.45 Std. | Marlow, Sheffield/England |
| 1963: 20.00 Std. | Lovatt, Hanley/England |
| 1971: 20.02 Std. | Burrows, Llansamlet/Wales |
| 1972: 20.07 Std. | Newton, Leicester-Thurmaston/England |
| 1974: 20.20 Std. | Boden, Handsworth/England |
| 1975: 20.40 Std. | Boden, Handsworth/England |
| 1984: 20.48 Std. | Pilot, Manchester/England |
| 1991: 20.51 Std. | Anslow, Tipton/England |
| 1992: 21.10 Std. | Caulter, Ulster/Nord-Irland |
| 1994: 21.21 Std. | Anslow, Springfield/England |
| 1995: 22.05 Std. | Shannon, Lisburn/Nord-Irland |

FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAG:

Don Pisowicz, 85 Ed McDashowicz Dr., Porter, IN. 46304

Hi Jerry, Wow! What a front cover on the last FTA Bulletin; it's so nice that I have it in a photo frame hanging on my wall.

Jerry, your FTA 1st Annual Pigeon Marathon article sure got my attention, not only the pigeon wearing his running shoes, but the article itself. I felt you were directly including me in the non-participating category of the FTA membership. Well, guess what? You are absolutely correct; there is no earthly reason why a member cannot participate in at least one fly in 1996.

Jerry, I'm not making any promises, but I'm going to try my darndest to fly at lease one fly in the Summer and one fly in the Fall Series.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Smail Basic for his contribution in the 1st Bulletin, "The Feed-Up", and what about Jack Prescott. Us "Yanks" will forever be thankful for his contributions. If you want some good reading and useful information, read any or all of his pigeon books. I have all three of his books and would not part with any one of them. Thanks, Jack.

Jerry, enclosed are some photos of two of our FTA members that I took when I visited with them, Al Lukez of Garfield, Ohio and Milan Kobulsky of Medina, Ohio. They were a real pleasure to visit with. If time permits I will try to visit them again when I go to Ohio this year in June.

Jerry, please send me a FTA patch for my Loft jacket and please send me a copy of our last Bulletin since I removed the cover to hang on my kitchen wall. They are a bunch of fine looking Tipplers. Enclosed is check to cover patch and Bulletin. If any money is left, put it in the kitty. s/ D. Pisowicz

Don, thanks for the kind words. We appreciate it. It makes all the work involved quite worthwhile. Incidentally, Joe Russo did an outstanding job in having that cover made up, and those are his birds thereon. JOR

Bob Rotschi, 3251 Greensburg Rd., Campbellsville, Kentucky 42718:

Hi Joe,

I think you did a wonderful job on the Bulletin. Also an outstanding cover on the pigeons. I got a response from a Richard Bailin from Levittown. He flies and shows them in Long Island Classic. He just put them together to breed and has mone available right now. Could you place an AD in the Bulletin for me? (See Classifieds).

Thank you very much for your interest and helpfulness. If I owe you anything for the AD, let me know. Your friend, Bob Rotschi.

Bob, there is no charge for the AD. Yes, Joe, did a outstanding job on the Bulletin, Glad you liked it. JOR

John Kleis, RR 1, Box 256, Richfield Springs, NY 13439

I spoke with John on the phone. It seems that an opossum somehow got into his Loft one night, but was unable to get at the birds because

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of the screening. However, it scared his four pair of setting birds off their eggs and the eggs froze during the night. He will have to start over again. This was very disappointing to John. This will set him back on his breeding program, but he will try again. JOR

Photos taken by Don Pisowicz:

Al Lukez feeding his YB team.



Al Lukez's stock birds.



Harry J. Smith, 3105 Queen Frederica Dr., Mississauga, Ont. L4Y3A5.
 Harry writes that he started to train five hens. They had hit the 3 hour fly time and were going just great, then winter returned with snow everywhere. That halted the training. Harry had 14 pairs sitting on 27 eggs. He banded 26 of these young birds from the 27 eggs. He feels that he must be doing something right. Harry states that the OTU has some of their races coociding with the FTA and he feels that a few of the members will compete in ours.

Bruce Weeks, 1446 Lake Elmo Ave., Lake Elmo, Mn. 55042

Dear Jerry,

Thanks for sending the bands out. Would like to talk to you more when we have the time. If I can get some young birds or yearlings going, I'll try to fly this year. Sincerely, Bruce Weeks

Oskar Zovici, 60 Gray Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6N 4S8

Oskar called me on the phone to order some Fly Sheets and in lieu thereof sent back his 1995 Fly Award Check as payment and a healthy donation, for which we are grateful. I had a long conversation with Oskar, but when this Master Flyer spoke, I listened and absorbed as much information as I could about Tippler flying. I came away with some information about Tipplers that I had not known before. Oskar is one great person and he is always willing to help. JOR

Murray Gaskins, 802 Millpond Road., Valdosta, GA. 31602

NOTE: Before printing Murray's letter, a little background is necessary. When Murray ordered his bands and paid his dues he was \$5.00 short. I sent him a note with his bands, but I did not hear from him. I know this was an oversight on Murray's part, but after waiting a month or so, I sent him a letter stating "that he owed the fta \$5.00 and I was sending the boys from Boston down his way to collect." The picture and letter below is his reply, and I would like to add that I think he has a wonderful sense of humor and I had a great laugh from his letter. I hope you members will enjoy it as much. JOR



Murray on his knees
 pleading for mercy.
 \$5.00 in his right hand.

(See next page for Murray's reply)

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Milan Kobulsky inside his Flying Loft.



Milan Kobulsky outside his Flying Loft.

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(Murray Gaskins' letter)

Dear Jerry:

This photo was taken of me as I was going to mail the \$5.00. I thought you were not going to send the boys yet. Anyway they made me mail this in front of them and only broke one leg - THANKS.

The birds are fine. I thought the Coopers' hawks were through with me, but yesterday one killed two birds through the wire in separate pens and blinded another bird in one eye. I took the dead one out and put it where the Hawk could get it. He then came and got it. I'm a Falconer, as your know, but it has gotten almost to the point I cannot fly my birds without a Cooper's hawk catching one.

Do you know any Falconers who, in the fall, would catch me a passage Goshawk? It's easy around a pigeon loft as I'll bet you know. I figured if I can't beat the hawks I might as well join them.

I'm making a genetics video on color in Tipplers. It'd be applicable to anybody in pigeons with any breed. Oskar Zovich is flying real well with my Almonds and Opals. He just hasn't had the results with the Indigos yet, but he will, I am sure. s/Murray Gaskins.

John Kleis, RR1, Box 256, Richfield, NY 134390

John has been corresponding with Jack Prescott quite regularly. Mr. Prescott recently wrote a very nice letter to John expressing his sympathy on the passing of John's wife. It was a great comfort to John. Mr. Prescott also stated in his letter that he had sent the photos that John had mailed to him previously to the British Museum of Ornithology to appear in the Domestic Section. Mr. Prescott stated that people to whom he had shown the photos have declared they are great and the photo of the bird in flight caused quite a stir. It now appears as a 13"x18" picture in the Section with John Kleis' name and address published thereon. Jack Prescott's name appears on it as the person who contributed the picture. (This is quite an honor for John.)

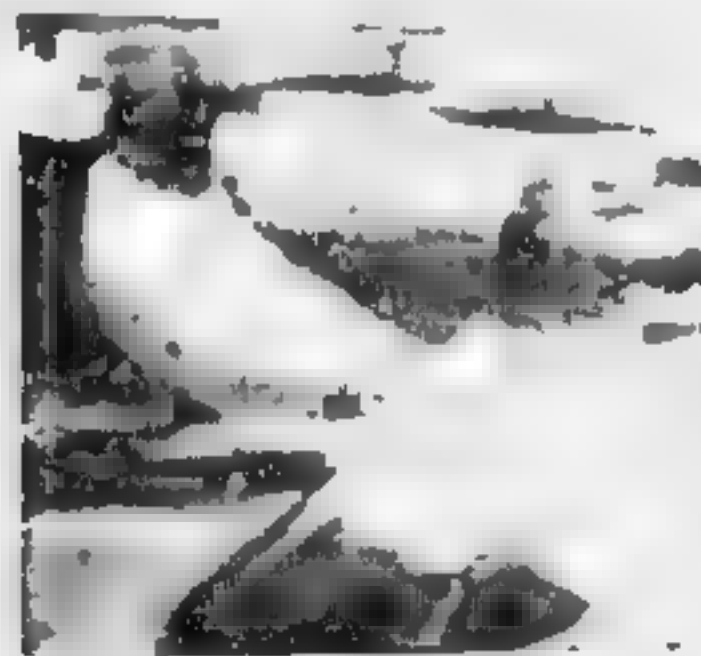
Also enclosed in the letter was a picture of Jack Prescott's competition Black Badge Rollers. He states that he has 44 of them which he has cultivated since 1976. They kit very, very well and fly to 1,000 feet high and even more on most days. Average time is a little better than one hour. He stated that at their best they perform simultaneously and cascade deeply and they do look truly great. He hopes to have a total of 64 birds by the end of the year. s/Jack Prescott



FLYING TIPPLER TOPICS
By David Dean

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April 12, 1996



Fellow Members:

I hope everyone has started breeding, training, and flying their birds.

I on the other hand, have not had much luck flying my birds because last year there was a complaint (to the City) against me, and I had to move my birds off my property. This in itself has been a big investment. The only good luck I've had, was succeeding in securing the best Tipplers. The Tipplers at this point was already trained by me.

After relocating my birds to private property, and investing again to secure a home for the birds, I again ran into problems with the snow thawing and seeping into the coop. All through the winter months, there was a considerably amount of ice which had to be disposed off. Presently, with the spring thaw, gallons of water has to be removed on a daily basis, which is a considerable amount of work.

I wish to thank God for keeping my birds very healthy and clean, the reason being I spend alot of time with my birds, like with my own kids.

My only hope is now to start **competing and flying**. If there is anyone out there that could advise me on this matter would they kindly contact me. Otherwise, I will have to wait for retirement to enjoy this hobby.

Wish you all the best in "flying" competition, while I'm "sailing" in the water in my coop (20 FEET x 20 FEET).

Yours in Sport

David Dean
Brampton, Ontario, Canada

NATIONAL PIGEON ASSOCIATION FALL REVIEW

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What makes *E. coli* different from *Salmonella* is the many serotypes seen with *E. coli*. Salmonellosis in pigeons is caused mainly by one type of bacteria; *Salmonella Typhimurium* variety Copenhagen. The serotype is what determines whether or not the *E. coli* is pathogenic. Serotype is determined by three antigens in the *E. coli* bacteria. Each bacteria may have an "O", "H" or "K" antigen.

The "O" antigen is the somatic cell wall antigen. These are lipopolysaccharides on the external portion of the cell wall. This antigen is responsible for stimulating IgM antibodies. Presently we recognize approximately one hundred seventy "O" serotypes from various species.

The "H" antigen is located on the bacterial flagella. These are whiplike structures which allow the bacteria to be motile. They are not present on all *E. coli* since some are nonmotile. "H" antigens are determined by the sequence of flagellar protein known as flagellin. "H" antigens stimulate IgG antibody production. IgG antibodies are the type of antibodies found in crop milk. There are presently fifty six "H" recognized.

The third antigen is the fimbrial or "K" antigen. These are protein chains located external to the "O" cell wall antigen. They are filamentous structures extending from the cell wall which help the bacteria attach to the host organs epithelial cells. The bacteria attach to the epithelial cell wall

prior to invasion of the cell or the secretion of toxins into the cell. "K" antigens may be the antigen most responsible for virulence, which is its ability to produce an illness.

In summary, one should recognize each *E. coli* has its own genetic code or serotype. Serotype depends on which of the three antigens are present.

In the future we hope to research *E. coli* siderophores. Siderophores are those *E. coli* with an affinity for iron. Iron affinity helps the bacteria penetrate into the blood stream where iron is present in red blood cells. Once in the blood stream, the infection becomes systemic very quickly. Another structure which needs further research is the "V plasmid" which give the *E. coli* the ability to resist phagocytosis. Phagocytosis is the uptake of bacteria and debris by the pigeons immune system. If the *E. coli* can resist phagocytosis, it is all but impossible to eliminate an infection.

The majority of work done in pigeons focuses on the "O" somatic cell wall antigen. Remember "O" antigens can be nonpathogenic or pathogenic. Using gastrointestinal Colibacillosis as a model, the pathogenic serotypes cause disease by two methods. "O" serotypes can be cell invaders or enterotoxin producers. As a general rule, in mammals, acute systemic infections are caused by invasive serotypes and diarrhea by toxogenic serotypes. This appears to be true in pigeons also.

The toxogenic serotypes produce enterotoxins and are noninvasive. The bacteria proliferate within the intestinal lumen and produce enterotoxins. The enterotoxins stimulate the cells lining the intestine to secrete fluid into the bowel resulting in diarrhea. This is the major mechanism of traveler's diarrhea in humans and infant diarrhea in underdeveloped countries.

The invasive serotypes invade the cells lining the bowel and become a systemic infection. Many of the dysenteries we see in animals are caused by invasive E. coli. E. coli air sacculitis in pigeons can spread very quickly when it is invasive.

Here is a listing of pathogenic "O" serotypes by species, which can be found in pigeons.

Poultry-0-1, 0-2, 0-78

with 0-2 being the most frequent in pigeons.

Pigs-0-8, 0-9, 0-138, 0-141, 0-147

the 0-8 is the most common in pigeons.

Dogs -0-142

Calves -0-5, 0-8, 0-9, 0-20, 0-101

again 0-8 is the most common in pigeons.

Humans -0-6, 0-8, 0-78, 0-119, 0-166

0-166 is the most common serotype seen in pigeons.

Pigeons -0-2, 0-5w, 0-x7, 0-8, 0-8w, 0-9, 0-13, 0-22w, 0-23w, 0-83w, 0-109, 0-119, and 0-166 which is also know as 0-x8.

In a study done on a loft with a chronic problem, one hundred birds were cultured and fifty eight percent had either 0-166 or 0-2. Both serotypes are very pathogenic.

Colibacillosis does not produce a set of clinical signs which positively identify the illness as Colibacillosis. The clinical signs depend on what body system is affected. Enteritis, an inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract, is the most common clinical sign of Colibacillosis. Fanciers will see a fluorescent green mucousy stool with a sour odor. The foul odor is often what the fancier notices first. Pigeons will begin to lose weight and refuse to eat. Weight loss can be dramatic in a very short period. Twenty four hours can show a noticeable difference. The weight loss is caused by fluid loss and lack of feed intake. If birds are still eating, some may vomit or incompletely

digest their food. Some pigeons become weak and are unable to fly to their perch. Death can occur within twenty four hours of the initial signs of illness. The sudden death is much more common with Colibacillosis than with paratyphoid.

If you culture E. coli, but the pigeons still have a decent appetite, look for other primary illnesses. Consider looking for Paramyxovirus, salmonella, trichomoniasis, parasitism, nutritional deficiencies or exhaustion. Remember, just because you culture E. coli, it does not have to be the primary pathogen or pathogenic. It can be an opportunistic secondary infection caused by a stressed immune system. Treat the E. coli, but keep looking for the primary stress, if you suspect secondary Colibacillosis.

The second most common presentation of E. coli is as an air sacculitis. E. coli should never be in the respiratory system. If found here it is pathogenic and should be treated. Always culture the choanal slit on pigeons with signs of respiratory stress. Make sure to culture the air sacs, trachea and lungs when having autopsies done. Pigeons are constantly being exposed through the air they breathe. A dusty loft allows the bacteria to become airborne and subsequently inhaled. Lofts should be dry, not dusty. The severity of respiratory Colibacillosis may depend on whether the E. coli infect alone or in a complex with other infectious agents. E. coli can appear in complex with Mycoplasma, Hamophilus, Herpes virus, Adenovirus and Chlamydia. The other agents seen in pigeon respiratory complex are more difficult to culture than E. coli. E. coli grows very readily. Always treat respiratory complex. Clinically pigeons with respiratory Colibacillosis lose their exercise tolerance, begin to open mouth breath, sneeze and make a rattling noise.

"Continue Winter Quarterly".....

Sheffield, England and the Tippler

Anyone seriously interested in any kind of livestock is interested in its origin and its history. The origin of much of the history of Tipplers belongs to Sheffield, England.

I live in Sheffield and I was born here in 1924. My father was born here and so was my grandfather and great grandfather. My grandfather and great grandfather were Tippler men - they lived for little else.

Sheffield, a south Yorkshire city has a population of half million and is an industrial city involved with steel and coal.

We have a lot of Racing Pigeon fanciers generally flying from allotment sites, one of which is only one mile south of my place and involves about 40 members. The Racing Fancy has little or no respect for the Tippler or Roller Fancy.

Up until about 1960 we had a strong membership in the National Tippler Union, but today in Sheffield there is only one Club with about 6 members who have intentions of flying in contests. The Secretary, Richard Cottrill, a good friend of mine - a dedicated pigeon man, gentleman, but he makes a terrible cup of coffee. However, the tea is okay.

In 1995, our top Tippler man, Brian White, was the first Sheffield man to get 20 hours plus - from a kit of Gordon Hughes type. His referee, Martin Lewis, gave up Tipplers in 1994 and during 1995 kept Rollers, but an outbreak of Paramyxovirus saw the end of them. He is now back with Tipplers and I hope to see some good results. The location of Brian White and Martin Lewis is near to where the great Sam Billingham flew his Tipplers years ago. It is a good location, but Brian will point out that it does not mean that all else is easy.

These two men referee each others birds. There is a situation in Britain now. The record of 22 hours - 5 minutes is a formidable one. It means that more time than ever has to be flown in the dark. Flying into the British twilight is one thing, but flying into total darkness is something else. There are so many complications. Where I keep pigeons, it is an excellent situation for dark flying. My loft is a long way from any buildings or high trees. It is a shallow valley and pigeons are pretty easy to keep in sight. It is also extremely quiet and there is none of the noise that comes from densely populated areas. Most Tippler men that I know fly from their own backyards or back gardens in rather densely populated areas.

Low flying pigeons even in good daylight are often dipping behind the houses which are along streets and generally only 30 feet high. Then there's the tree problem. People do like trees in their gardens. Apart from the dark flying, 22 hours and 5 minutes - it is a terrific task, isn't it?

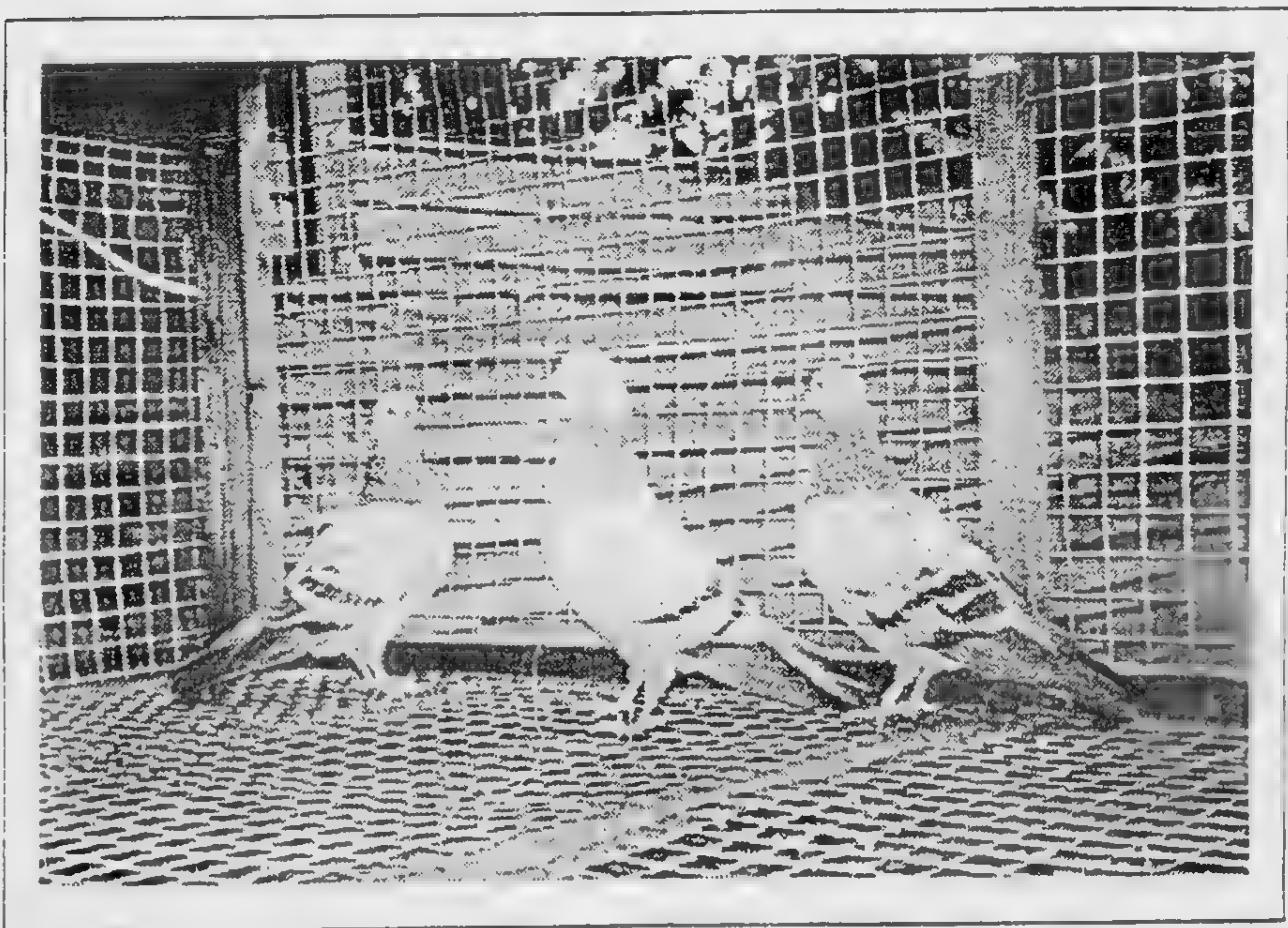
It's like trying to sing against PAVAROTTI or step into the ring with TYSON. One can only expect to be "flattened." It is a pity, but, Tippler records cannot be published in the Guinness Book of World Records. The reason for this is that the administrators have decided the refereeing is inadequate. To satisfy their requirements it would take about ten qualified

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observers, each in radio contact, to supervise each contest. However, the veterans know that Tippler kits are flying, but it takes a veteran to know, and a very keen dedicated man to really know. With all the dedication in the world, however, one of my kits dropped after 17 hours and 40 minutes with clay on their feet. They had been down - but I'd never have known. I was, indeed, fit to be tied.

The reason for the decline in Tippler flying is - Restrictions on pigeon keeping by local administration; the motor car; other more lucrative pastimes; Holidays abroad and, not least of all, the influence and intransigence of wives, especially working wives. They have killed more pigeons than Hawks, cats or the Paramyxo Virus. I'm talking about England. I've never been to the USA.

s/Jack Prescott



WORLD RECORD KIT BRED AND FLOWN
BY H. SHANNON 22 HOURS 5 MINS

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The National Tippler Union of Great Britain

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RULES REVISED FOR 1996

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FLYING RULES

1. All Referees before acting in that capacity must have read the foregoing rules.
2. Each competitor and Referee must see that the correct time is entered on the time sheet. Name and address of the Secretary to be stamped on the time sheet and all competitors must write their own address on the time sheet. A correctly filled in time sheet to be printed in Newsletter prior to flying season.
 - 2a. Time sheets must be received by the N.T.U. Secretary not later than the Thursday following the competition. All Secretaries of the clubs having competing members must send details of their highest time flown by the best Shield Team not later than the Thursday following the competition. Also their leading three competitors plus aggregate times.
 - 2b. NOTE: Novices are defined as those who have not flown a kit of birds for 10 hours or more in any organised club or N.T.U. competition. Competing novices must put a tick on time sheet where it says, tick if novice. Any novice breaking ten hours or more in any organised competition, to remain a novice for the remainder of that season.
 - 2c. Any member that posts his time sheet on the day following the competition by "Recorded Delivery" cannot be disqualified if his sheet fails to reach N.T.U. Secretary in the time allowed. And where a Bank Holiday Monday follows the competition, an extra day be allowed for time sheets to reach N.T.U. Secretary, as there is no post on Bank Holidays.
3. All ring numbers to be taken by competitor of competition birds before being turned out and duly

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entered upon the time sheet. Rings must be checked by the Referee directly the birds enter the loft after the competition, each competitor may fly three to twenty birds, the longest "kit" on the wing to win provided no objection is laid against them and they fly to the rules and be verified by the Referee. Every item on the time sheet to be filled in correctly or competitor will be disqualified.

4. All birds to be on the wing punctually at time stated. During competitions, providing Referees are in a position to see kits on the wing at liberation times, it will not then be necessary for Referees to actually see the kit liberated.

5. Birds dropping more than 75 yards from the loft will be disqualified. This does not include droppers.

6. Any competitor's birds dropping within 75 yards of his loft, if he cannot get them in he shall be allowed to fetch them off the place where they are roosting.

7. Any competitor's birds raking away from the sight of the Referee at any time during the first hour, they shall be allowed the remaining portion of the first two hours, but should they come in sight at any time during the second hour and then go away again, only one hour will be allowed from the time they go and not more than one hour shall again be allowed. This applies to one or more of the competitor's kit. Should any competitor choose to drop his birds he must inform the Referee of his intention to do so. As soon as such competitor gives any sign whatever to induce his birds to drop, time must be taken at once. Birds dropping in bounds in daylight or having time taken, all birds to be refereed as per rules and must be inside loft within one hour after dark.

kit he is refereeing, he must not leave until the kit have been induced into the loft and the ring numbers have been checked.

11. Any person frightening or causing to be frightened any competing birds before time has been taken shall thereby cause the competitor to be subject to disqualification. This allows birds which have dropped "in bounds" to be got back on the wing before being induced into the loft.

12. All private and club members need only one Referee. Any member serving a ban, suspension or being a defaulter to N.T.U. or an affiliated club, shall not be allowed to Referee in any N.T.U. competition.

13. Any local Referee refusing to sign N.T.U. time sheet, the local Secretary has power to sign same for Council's approval.

14. Any circumstances arising that are not governed by the foregoing rules, the Council shall have full power to act thereon, and their decision in all matters shall be final.

15. No Referee can leave the kit he is refereeing without appointing a substitute Referee during his absence. All Referees and substitutes must sign time sheet.

16. If a pigeon settles on a competitor's loft on competition day, he will be allowed to get it into his loft, but only in the presence of his Referee.
No droppers to be used or time will be taken.

17. Any Referee who cannot attend at his place of refereeing as appointed by the officials of his club, is allowed to send a competent substitute Referee, who has been agreed by the members of his club.

18. Any competitor insulting any Referee or Inspector whilst in the execution of their duty shall be disqualified.

19. The Referee shall have reasonable access to any place that he may be appointed to watch.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

-- SUPPLEMENTAL BULLETIN --

AUGUST, 1996

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND FLY RULES

Your FTA Executive Board has been discussing and evaluating a variety of proposed changes to the Constitution and Fly Rules and other topics. This supplementary Bulletin will summarize these issues, serve as the disclosure of these potential changes and solicit membership comment prior to general membership balloting via the next Bulletin. Please forward all comments that you have on these issues to me (Tim Kvidera, 13010 Johnson St. N.E., Anoka, MN 55304) as soon as possible. Joe plans to put the next Bulletin out in Mid September so I need your comments by early September to be able to summarize them and incorporate them with the ballot on the issues. **ACT NOW!!** The FTA is your club and needs your input to help determine the direction that we will go in the future.

The Executive Board has by majority vote (in many cases unanimous, or close to unanimous) decided to propose the following changes to the FTA Constitution and Fly Rules. Please review and forward comments as you feel appropriate.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Article II, Section 1 currently reads -- "The primary purpose of this Association shall be as follows: To provide a centralized organization for the flying tippler fancier and Local Clubs; to promote and regulate the sport in national competition; to encourage by promotion of competitions, exhibitions, and by general management and control of the fancy shall thereby further the interest of all fanciers in the flying tippler pigeon."

The proposal is to change the underlined word above "national" to "association". The FTA has for decades been an international, mostly North American, organization. We have welcomed and enjoyed participation from members outside the United States. The use of the word "national" in referring to our competitions is restrictive and not consistent with tradition.

Article IV, Section 2 currently reads -- "The membership will be effective for one year from the date dues are received...."

The practice instituted by past administrations has been to have all dues expire and be renewable at the first of the year. This was done in an effort to simplify record keeping and make the workload easier on the Secretary and Treasurer. Almost all organizations work on an annual membership with a specified common expiration date. If we change to a January through December membership we will need to have a decision, probably by way of the Board, as to how to handle memberships received during the year.

Article V, Section 1 currently reads - "...Non-FTA members are permitted to be Timers in Association Official System contests if reviewed and accepted by an Affiliated Local Club as a Timer and notification of such acceptance is forwarded to the Association Secretary-Treasurer, President and Central Timer prior to the fly."

Proposal is to change the wording underlined above "Affiliated Local Club" to "recognized Tippler organization". This would allow timers that are acceptable to the ATU, FTS, OTU, etc. to be acceptable for use in FTA contests without the FTA membership stipulation as long as the FTA is pre-notified and the Timer utilizes the FTA Fly Rules while judging the kit.

Article VI, Section 3 currently lists the club officers and has the Secretary-Treasurer listed as one office. See next comment.

Article VI, Section 4 currently defines the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer as one position. We have had the job split into two positions for a number of years to ease the load. The proposal is to rewrite this section to break the duties out separate as Treasurer and Secretary. There is a sentence added that both positions may be filled simultaneously by one person if necessary.

Article VII, Stock Fly - The constitution defines a stock kit as 8 - 12 birds, fly rule #1 says a minimum of 8 birds and an upper limit specified. The ballot will have the membership decide and appropriate change will be made to make the two definitions consistent.

Article VII, Stock Fly - A proposal was made to eliminate the Stock Fly as a specific contest, but allow any competitor to fly a large kit in any of the regular fly contests competing with the other kits in that fly and at the end of the year the top stock kit times would be recognized. This topic had a majority vote by the Board, but a "split decision" (7 - 5).

PROPOSED FLY RULE CHANGES

Rule 5. currently reads - "In Young Bird Series, only youngsters banded with FTA bands are eligible. The Board is split on this issue, 7 - 5, in favor of allowing non-FTA banded young birds to compete in FTA contests. If we vote in favor of this there would be a requirement to register the non-FTA bands prior to the season and there would be a fee set by the Board for this registration.

The issue is that many of our members are members of other tippler clubs and need to band with those club bands to compete in them. A bird only has two legs. If one wants to compete in multiple clubs something may have to give. It should be a source of pride for a tippler to wear a FTA band, as it should also to wear ATU, FTS, OTU, etc. Band sales are a potential source of revenue for the club. Should we be the one to change? You members will have to decide.

Rule 8. currently reads -- "Kit to be liberated no earlier than one half hour prior to sunrise as stated in the local newspaper in that area, and released no later than ten A.M. on the morning of the fly, and * settled within the Flyer's boundary..."

The proposal is to change the one half hour before sunrise release to one hour.

Another proposal is to insert the words "at the termination of the fly" at the " *" above.

Rule 11. currently reads -- "Timer must judge from a location where he can see flyer's flying loft and yard, but is free to move elsewhere to confirm infractions should suspicion arise."

Proposal is to change this to - "Timer is free to judge from what ever location he considers best to verify that the kit is performing in compliance with the competition rules."

Rule 23. Timer qualifications. Change wording to be consistent with the outcome of Constitution, Article V, Section 1 proposal discussed above.

Rule 38. Split kit in dark. Currently when a kit is detected as split in the dark, time is taken and one hour is allowed to drop and trap the kit. In daylight we allow one hour for the kit to get together or be disqualified or the flyer 30 minutes to decide whether to drop the kit (see rule 25).

The proposal is to make the night flying rule the same as that in the daytime. That is if a kit is seen to be split after dark they have the opportunity to get back together within an hour for the time to continue, if not together in the hour a disqualification. Or the flyer has up to 30 minutes to decide on whether to drop the kit. If he opts to drop the kit, his time goes until the dropping signal is given, assuming that he is able to drop and trap the entire kit within the hour from dropping signal. See rule #25.

The solution is not as simple as the deletion of rule 38. There are parts of #38 that should be kept that do not relate to the kit being on a split. Also only in #38 is there any "definition" of what a split kit is -- or more properly what a kit is.... "Birds are termed as still being a kit if they can all be seen in the dark at the same time, regardless of how far apart they are flying.", #38e. But this definition specifically is for when "in the dark". I think that we need to put together a definition of what a split is during the day too. Or possibly do as they do in the NTU - allow the time to continue as long as the timer can

verify that all birds are flying, whether together or not, or even if some are flying with someone else's kit - and not worry about defining a kit, or a split.

Well that pretty much covers the topics that are fairly cut and dried, that is specific rule changes. There are other issues that need some attention.....

Fly Schedule - There is a fairly uniform feeling that we need to make some changes to the current fly schedule. Most feel that it needs some minor changes. The Board has looked at a number of pretty radical changes and not been of the feeling that they need to be pursued any further.

A large majority of the Board thinks that we need to add a Winter Series to the schedule for the benefit of the Southern members. Richard Kehrer has consented to chair a group to propose dates for such a Series. If you have not already contacted him and have some thoughts that you would like to have considered please contact Richard at 7810 Mallard Way, Anderson, CA 96007. His current thinking is that it could start the last weekend of February and go every two weeks for three flys.

There has been proposals to have less flys spread farther apart, allowing the flying of young birds in all contests and keeping the results separate, moving the young bird flys to the Fall Series, splitting the competition into two divisions (North and South), having some sort of a Novice Program, Awarding ribbons to the top 3 or 5 placing kits, sending all members a Timer's Report in the Bulletin and a "season pass" rate for fly entries. We need your comments to formulate something to ballot on regarding these topics.

Here are comments that I have received on the above since the last Officers' Communication that may help stimulate some of your own thoughts.....

Howard Kogan - "I think that it would be a good idea to allow either young or old birds to fly in any contest with records being kept separate. This would benefit southern breeders who have earlier youngsters than us Northerners, but what about mixed age kits? I can imagine some might like to fly mixed age kits in the fall. What are the rules for this, if any?

"Novice program; I would define novice as anyone who has not flown 8 hours in an FTA sanctioned fly. Or/and anyone in their first fly year. There could be special awards for novices in Official and Honor fly categories.

"Ribbons; I would be glad to look into the cost of this and report back to you.

"Season Pass; I think a season pass to all ten flys would be a good idea. Perhaps \$20 would be reasonable and encourage those who fly more than 6 flys to take a season pass. I do not think those who do not buy a season pass should be able to fly without pre-entering. If we did that would flyers who flew a DQ send in their form and fly fee? Could we think of a system that would encourage every flyer to send in their fly report regardless of how they do? I do think flys are sometimes not reported if the flyer is not pleased with the results. How about a rebate of 50 cents for each fly report filed? Or a special "good competitor" award for those who file a minimum of 6 or 8 fly reports?

"Registration of bands; I think we should allow members to register non-FTA bands until May 1st at \$5 per 25 bands. This would compensate the club for any lost sales and simplify the process of banding birds. Any band registered would be "good" for the life of the bird as long as it was being flown by the banding flyer."

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Richard Kehrner - "I have been watching the weather, trying to figure out when the best time for the Winter flys would be. Starting with when the weather is best to fly my birds and the weather across the U. S. A. I think the best time would be starting with the last weekend of February, then every two weeks. With three flys it would leave a gap between the last Winter fly and the first Spring fly on one month.

"split kit: First of all I think the wording "if the kit on a split during daylight" is not stated very well to define split as us Tippler fanciers use it. It would be any time the kit isn't seen fly as a tight kit. But there are many shades of gray here. What is a tight kit? Different strains kit differently. I have seen Tipplers flying in a kit where they hardly looked like a kit at times, but they would stay out all day. I really like a tight kit, the tighter the better, but when you have a hawk go after your birds or they get split, they can still fly all day. I think if all the birds in a kit can be seen flying all at the same time they should get credit for flying the time."

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Harry Smith - "Received the latest FTA Bulletin. The cover page is a dandy. I intend to frame it in my loft.

"looks like the changes suggested are worthwhile and will benefit the FTA if adopted.

"There is one rule for flying that I would like to see changed. The FTA allows 3 to 7 birds in a normal fly. This is fine for old birds. However when a member is training a kit of 10 or 12 young birds it is a shame to hold some birds back to adhere to the 7 bird limit.

"Speaking for myself, if our schedule (OTU) coincides with the FTA, I would like to compete in both clubs on the same day. The Ontario Tippler Union allows up to 13 birds in competition.

"I hate to think that I must hold back well trained young birds just to meet the maximum requirements of the FTA.

"Could you try to raise the limit to at least 10 birds?

"This would make an old timer very satisfied."

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Well, that pretty well summarizes the topics that the Board has been working on over the past few years. I know it seems like, and has been, a long time that we have been kicking some of this stuff around. Much of that has been my fault. Much of my time is not my own. But let's put that behind us and look to the future.

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What are the next steps?

Think about the topics that have been brought up in the Supplemental Bulletin. How is the time to be heard. If you want your thoughts to be considered by the membership on these issues you have to make them known. Put them down on paper and mail them to me quickly. I want to put them together in a publishable format for Joe to include in the September Bulletin along with a ballot to poll the membership and determine our direction for the future. So I need your input in the next couple weeks. Do not delay. Listen to one who knows. If you set it aside now, planning to get to it later, you often will find that later is longer off than you think, and may be too late. Send comments to Tim Kvidera, 13610 Johnson St. N.E., MN 55304

Also in the September Bulletin the plan is to have the ballot for the officers that will govern for the next two years. From conversations with Jerry nominations have been very slow in coming. It is not too late to drop Jerry a note with your nominations for the various FTA offices. Send to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Road, Norwood, MA 02062

Jerry is also our Central Timer. Don't forget to get your late young birds or any extra old birds ready for the Fall Series flys. Any age birds can be flown. Regular kits in the first three flys, and large kits in the stock fly. Dates below;

Fall Series FTA Flying Competitions

Any age, or mixed, kits

September 14/15, September 28/29, October 12/13

Stock Fly -- October 26/27

Fly entry fee - \$3.00 per fly

Hope that you all have had a good breeding season. Here mine got off to a very poor start. First round from 14 pair I got 6 youngsters from which I ended up with a kit of three that I thoroughly spoiled. Did better with the second round but still no time to properly train and ended up with an unbalanced kit which was underworked, but at least I was able to put something into the last young bird fly. To my surprise we had 7 competitors in that fly. Congratulations to Harry Smith for his winning time of 10:06. Top line of the other Summer Series flys are -- Summer I, young birds, no Official System competitors, Andy Fuller won Honor System with a 9:43 bettering 3 other entrants. Long Day, Oskar Zovich, the only Official System entry was disqualified after putting his kit over and Howard Kogan was the best of 5 Honor System with a 9:01. I trust that the full results will be in the next Bulletin. Congratulations to Andy and Howard for their wins too.

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August, 1996

To Executive Board members only;

You can see from the attached Supplemental Bulletin that I have finally put a distillation of our past few years of discussions to the FTA membership so that we hopefully can get some closure to most, if not all, the issues. I realize that it has been quite a while since the March Officers' Communication that summarized our Board thoughts with our balloting results. Much of that delay has been mine. And I will accept the deserved criticism for the procrastination. I think that most understand that there are many priorities in life. And in mine there are many that often rate higher than my birds and the various organizations that I am involved in with them. But after praising you all for the great response to the January Officers' Communication, I was more than a bit disappointed in that coming from the March O.C. Unless I misplaced and never saw something sent, I only heard from three since March. Thanks Howard, Richard and Harry!!!

Now, I know that I have been in phone contact with Jerry and Joe on numerous occasions, and they should be thanked too, but where have the rest of you gone? It is possible that you all thought that you had already spoken your piece already, and anything sent would be redundant. If so, then I guess we were to the point that we needed to get final membership closure. And that is what I am attempting to get put in place with the Supplemental Bulletin.

I thank all of you for the contributions that you have given over the past years. I think that the FTA undoubtedly will be better in the future with many of the proposed changes, and you all should be proud of the work that you have done to better the organization. It has been a pleasure working with you all. I thank you for your patience. Let's continue the work and see it through with the balloting in the next Bulletin.

Best wishes to all,

Tom L. Green

October
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BULLETIN



FLYING TIPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It is hard to believe that summer is already past. But the realization of that was driven home when frost killed the garden a couple nights ago, September 12 & 13, and I lost my first late hatch genetics bird due to chilling. Hope that you all had a good year. Here I raised a fair number of birds, but was not able to give them any attention and spoiled any attempts at making kits. Still have a little hope to get into a fall fly or two, missed the first one this past weekend. I plan to make it to the National Young Bird Show in Louisville in October. Those of you who have ever been there know that it is a tremendous show - 6000+ birds and 800+ exhibitors from all over the United States and Canada. A great chance to see top quality birds in almost any breed. I also hope to make it out to the NPA Grand National in Lancaster, PA come January. The last one there was a good show.

It seems that there has been a bit of apathy when it came to submitting nominations for FTA officers. Jerry will say something about that elsewhere. Also elsewhere in this Bulletin you will see the comments that I received concerning the topics published in the August Supplemental Bulletin. Along with them there is a ballot on the issues. Please take the time to consider the topics and vote. The club needs your input. Ballots should be sent to me.

Another thing that I would like to solicit is news. Not only what is happening in your area, loft or the like. I would like to have representatives of any other Tippler clubs feel free to be able to submit brief accountings of what is happening in their clubs. Summaries of fly results, show reports, or the like. I am sure that the FTA membership would like to know what is happening in the rest of the hobby. Sent the info to Jerry O'Rourke. He is the one who does most of the typing for the Bulletin.

Best wishes to all for a good fall. Hope to run into some of you at some of the upcoming shows, or in conjunction with some business trip.

Jim

FROM THE SECRETARY

Sorry about the front sheet not being in color. They cost 80 cents to produce and the club is not financially able at this time. We will get back to it at a later date.

On July 14, the American Tippler Union had their 29th. annual Lawn show. The results of the show were young birds #1 Joe Falcon, ATU member #2 Nelson Garcia ATU, FTA member #3 Joe Falcon 4th Joe Falcon

Old cocks #1 Joe Falcon #2 Eddie Carlson ATU, FTS member #3 James Clayton ATU member.
Old hens #1 Eddie Carlson #2 Eddie Carlson #3 Ed Buraczewski: ATU, FTA, FTS member.

Champion Joe Falcon
Reserve Champion Eddie Carlson

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FLYING TIIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
January 1, 1996 to June 30, 1996

INCOME

1/6 - Transfer of FTA funds from Wiechec to O'Rourke	\$ 240.43
Current Dues from 68 Members	602.50
2950 Bands sold (WW sold 300 prior to transfer)	588.75
Donations to FTA by various Members	211.75
Fly Sheets Sold	160.00
Misceallaneous Income (Patches sold)	20.00

OTHER INCOME

Bank Interest (January to June, 1996)	3.82
J. O'Rourke's 1995 Fly Sheet cost not deducted	10.50
TOTAL INCOME	-\$1837.75

EXPENSES

1/6	Opened new account for FTA - charges for checks	\$ 11.76
1/16	FTA checks 101-106 to members for 1995 Awards	113.00
	Petty Cash drawn for Mailing Bands, Reports, etc.	85.01
1/18	FTA ck 108 to Central Timer for 1995 Expenses	57.46
1/19	Wiechec chk to Russo cancelled account closed	20.00
1/10	FTA ck 109 to Russo makeup cancelled WW check	20.00
2/5	FTA ck 112 to NYNEX for FTA business calls	20.67
2/13	FTA ck 113 to Gey Band Co for 1997 Bands $\frac{1}{2}$ Down	264.50
	Supplie, Typewriter Ribbons, paper, etc.	36.07
3/18	Reimburse Robert Powell for mail	4.61
	Cost of 3 Bulletins (JAN., MARCH AND JUNE)	650.58
	Bank Service Charges (Jan. to June)	12.50
	TOTAL EXPENSE	-\$1296.16

TOTAL INCOME:	\$1837.75
TOTAL EXPENSE:	<u>1296.16</u>

BALANCE: \$ 541.59

Jerry O'Rourke

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The following are membership comments on the issues mentioned in the FTA Supplemental Pulletin. Thanks to those who took the time to reply. They are listed in no special order, just chronologically as received.

Ron Sloan -- "Wow, so many things to think about!! Bad enough the hawks so I can't fly. Why not one group. The FTA and FTS combine. So some of my thoughts. Trying to help so all can enjoy flying. Association is OK. Dues from the first of Jan. good (pro-rate dues until Jan 1st) Timers OK. Officers split or one OK. Stock fly - why not 8 or more unlimited to any amount. What a challenge it would be. Keep Stock Fly. One hour earlier OK. Judge anywhere OK. Winter series OK. For those who can fly 2 division North & South OK. Novice program wonderful idea. Timer's report in Bulletin OK. Ribbons no diplomas OK. Season pass good. Any fly 3 bird minimum maximum any amount. Wish I could fly, but hawks whittling the fly team and my subs down to one. So I am searching the skies every day waiting for them to go. Today I heard them, looked up I saw four."

Joe Russo -- "I would like to go over the FTA band issue. As for the local clubs, the members do more with the local club. Flys, shows, loaning out birds, selling birds, so you could understand banding birds with the local club bands. That leaves the FTA and FTS. The OTU can not belong to the FTS so they have no problem. It's the members of the ATU who belong to all three clubs. Just a few people. I am having a hard time getting the ATU members to join the FTA because they are upset about the FTA not accepting them as timers. Which does not make sense because there are lots of them who don't fly or keep time, but all you need is one guy to say that and everyone gets upset. Maybe this will change if the new proposal passes. Split kits - go with the NTU all birds flying - good."

Stan Ogozalek -- "Article II, Section 1...Yes, I agree with the change. Article IV, Section 2...Yes, January through December is the way to go with the dues and membership, just like the other clubs have it. Article V, Section 1...This should have been done a long, long time ago...Yes! Article VI, Section 4...Yes, I agree. Article VII Stock Fly ... a limit of birds must be specified! Article VII Stock Fly...Whether we keep it or not, there should be a reasonable limit to the amount in the kit. Rule 5...OK, allow non-FTA banded young birds to compete providing that they are registered in time and the fee is charged. Band sales are a source of revenue for the club! Rule 8...Sounds good to me...Yes for the change. Rule 11...Once again, yes to this change. Rule 23...Yes. Rule 38...I like the NTU definition. I agree that minor changes in the fly schedule are needed, hopefully we can all agree on what they should be. A Winter Series is OK just as long as it pays for itself. One more thing, would it be possible to have a survey conducted just to see how many members will definitely enter a kit in each of the contexts in that series? Please note change of address - still 23 Orchard St., but now Hazlet, NJ 07730"

Paul Bongiovanni -- address change -- now 116 Emmanuel Dr., Portsmouth, RI 02871

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Michael Beat - "I am moving again. Returning to my previous location - 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201-1698. ... I like the idea of kit definition: if they all can be verified to be flying should be sufficient. Season passes are not a new idea in the club. I am for that. I have met R Kehrer personally, he's dedicated to Tippler flying. His thoughts on page 5 are excellent! On Harry Smith's idea of 3 - 7 birds, I agree 100%, it's stupid. Minimum of 3 is fine. There should be no maximum. Let him fly 20 if he wants to. Let's promote Tippler flying."

Harry Smith - "I am in complete agreement with the following proposals. 1) The elimination of the wording national competition. 2) Memberships should be due on January 1st of each year. 3) The matter of a timer need not be an FTA member. But why the FTA must be notified is beyond me. The FTA is going to accept the timer anyhow. 4) The positions of a Secretary and a Treasurer should be two distinct functions. However if a member chooses to handle both positions, Good luck to him. 5) I like the idea of flying a stock at any time in the schedule and at years end the best times flown to be acceptable. 6) Young birds wearing other than FTA bands should be allowed if the member registers the bands and is charged a fee for same. However it does not make sense that this must be done prior to the flying season. How about second or third round youngsters that you may purchase bands after the season begins. 7) If a flyer can start his kit one hour before official sunrise, Good luck to him. I want to see him start a young kit at that time!

"The rest of the proposed changes need some thought. I have only one more suggestion. Any organization that i know of, whether Tipplers or Homers, they have an old bird series plus a young bird series. These two should be separate competitions. Any sensible pigeon flyer should know that the old birds should be allowed to go through their moult and have a rest and be allowed to moult the way nature intended."

Jerry O'Rourke - Article II, Section 1 - OK. Article II, Section 2 - Pro-rate. Article V, Section 1 - OK. Article VI, Section 4 - OK. Article VII, Stock Fly - OK. Article VII, Stock Fly eliminate as separate fly - NO. Fly Rule 5 - NO, too much work now. Rule 8 - OK to both. Rule 11 - OK. Rule 38 Split in dark - ??? Fly schedule - winter series - OK. Moving young birds to Fall Series - YES. North and South divisions - OK. On Kogan's comment of allowing young birds to be flown anytime and separate records kept - NO, too much record keeping. Ribbons - OK, give instead of cash prizes. Rebate for turning in fly results - too much record keeping. Registration of bands - NO.

Well, there you have it. The comments received as of September 14th. Now it is time for ALL of you to take action. We need you to vote on the topics that have been submitted in the August Supplemental Bulletin and discussed in this one. There is a ballot attached and we need you to respond. The FTA is your club and needs your input to grow in the direction that the majority desires. Please send your filled out ballots to;

Tim Kvild
13610 Johnson St. N.E.
Anoka, MN 55304

FTA ELECTION

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There is supposed to be a Ballot for the election of officers for the years 1997-1998 in this edition of the Bulletin. Because not one member, and I repeat, not one member, volunteered to serve as an officer for the next two years, we will not submit a ballot.

This is indeed a sad commentary on the willingness of our members to help out. Everyone wants to sit back and read a great Bulletin, let everyone else make the decisions on the path that the FTA is to follow, but nobody will step forward to assist us. I think the majority of our members should be ashamed of themselves. This does not pertain to those members who contribute items, notes, etc/., to the Bulletin. This is meant strictly for those members from whom we never hear year after year, and when we do hear from them, it is just for dues renewal.

The same three or four Officers are doing all the work for the Club, and in some cases, double or triple duty. The same goes for the flying competitions; the same members fly year after year. And year after year, I plead, beg, cajole and ask, "WHERE IS EVERYBODY?"

Now, if you want a great, viable Club, some of you members better start doing your share, or you will have no Club at all. If Joe Russo had not volunteered to do the Secretary's job last year, I wonder what might have happened to the FTA. And on the same scale, our President, Tim Kvidera, is one of the busiest people you will ever meet as his job keeps him traveling all over the country, and yet, he found time to put together the Ballot we will be voting on to change some FTA rules.

Our present Officers will serve for another two years - no thanks to some of you.

Perhaps this will provoke a response from those of you who do nothing to help the FTA, and I hope it will, whether positive or negative. At least, it will be something.

Jerry O'Rourke

SWISS ARMY RETIRES ITS CARRIER PIGEONS

Bern, Switzerland - The Swiss army sent its carrier pigeons on a final mission yesterday: retirement.

Hoping to save money and adopt more modern communications methods, Switzerland decided last year to dispatch the pigeons to civilian life. A pro-pigeon group objected, and gathered 100,000 signatures in an effort to enshrine the carrier pigeon service permanently in the Swiss constitution. The military and the bird lovers compromised. The pigeons will take up a new roost at a military post near the Swiss capital of Bern, cared for by a new foundation.

Although the Alpine nation has not fought a war in more than four centuries, military traditions are deeply rooted and changes are fiercely resisted. The mounted cavalry was disbanded in 1973, but only after a national uproar. The 5,000-man bicycle unit gave a new seven-speed mountain bike a cool reception after it replaced an unwieldy 90-year old model.

Pigeons were widely used to carry messages in World War I and World War II. (From the Boston Globe - July 4th edition)



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The above picture is of Jon Mazaran of North Carolina. Jon is in the black shirt, left to right is his brother, myself, Jon and his son. Jon and his family paid me a visit in June. Jon flies in the F.T.S. Jon made a nice donation to the F.T.A. and has joined our club. Looking forward to Jon flying in the F.T.A. competitions. Jon and his family are real nice people and we welcome them to our club.

Below is a photo of Rich Kehrer standing beside his #3 Loft and it is a beautiful Loft at that. Rich is holding his best hen FTS90-920. He is looking forward to the Fall Fly Series.



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Below is a photo of Daniel Fuller and his Son Paul. David and his son Paul are members of the F.T.A. David drove 1200 miles with his wife Maryann and son to be at the ATU Lawn show. Thats a dedicated Tippler man.



The photo above is the members of the FTA who attended the ATU Lawn show - left to right Ed Buraczewski , Nelson Garcia, Joe Russo, Ed Mahlstadt, Mike Marsella.

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Members of the ATU who were at the Lawn Show



The photo above is of myself receiving diplomas for ATU 1995 Flys. Left to right, myself Al Ramirez president of ATU member of FTS, Clarence Williams Secretary A.T.U.

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NOTES FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAG:

Mike Marsella, 120 Pelham St. Mamaroneck, NY 10543-1827

Dear Jerry: Just a note to let you know the first two rounds of youngsters went off very well. I'll be taking two more rounds off the breeders this year so I have a lot to choose from for stock next year.

I'm very pleased with the Seabridge birds and also with the birds I got from Ed Carlson (Central Timer - ATU), they keep right up there with them. Anyone looking for good birds should contact Stan Siebel or Ed Carlson. I can vouch for them. The ones I got look and fly great and are in fantastic health. Also, I would like to request two fly sheets one for the "Long Day" and one for 2nd Summer. Enclosed is my \$6.00 entry fee. Thanks a lot Stan and Ed. Sincerely, Mike Marsella.

Smail Basic, 23 Esther Lorrie Dr., Rexdale, Ont., Canada M9W-4V2

Kemo called me a few days before the Summer Series I fly to say that he would be unable to fly this series because he has lost his YB kit in training. This is a shame because Kemo really looks forward each year to flying in the YB competition. As a matter of fact, he holds the first four places in the Top 20, and 7 out of the first 10, in the Summer I Series.

Bruce Zagurski, 3638 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL. 60634-2307

Dear Jerry: Here is a check for \$15.00 for annual seniors dues to the Flying Tippler Association of America. I currently do not have any Tipplers, but I am shopping for some Davis, Hughes and Zovich bloodlines of Tipplers. If you can send me all the information to Fly, feed, and the caring of Tipplers I would deeply appreciate it. I have had Racing Pigeons since 1968 and no longer race them. I have always liked flying breeds of pigeons, and going to try to obtain some good bloodlines of flying Tipplers. s/ Bruce Zagurski

NOTE: I sent Bruce all the necessary information on the FTA and a June Bulletin will be sent to him by Joe Russo. Here is an opportunity for our members to assist a new member in obtaining some quality Tipplers. If any member has some of these birds for sale, please contact Bruce at the above address. JOR

Rich Kehrer, 7810 Mallard Way., Anderson, CA. 96007

I enjoyed the bit on flying, but it's not the ones that don't report their flys that gets me, it's the ones that never try. I got the Tipplers I have for one reason and that was to fly in competition. IN 1987 I got my first Lovatts, in 1988 I first fly in FTS competition. Now I have been flying 8 years, and yes I do like it when my kit flies over ten hours, but the more I fly the more I know I don't have to fly ten hours or over every time I compete to win. I don't get to compete as much as I would like. Here in the northern part of CA., it gets way too hot to fly my birds. If I get to fly in all the Spring flys I am very happy. I'm just hoping for the winter flys in the FTA. What really gets me is that I know a lot of Tipplers are being raised every

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year, but very few are put into competition. WHY? Maybe there just isn't many good Tipplers out there? I know the first Tipplers I got weren't very good, but how are you going to know if you don't fly them. It does take more than just flying them to know if they are any good; you have to train them right from the start. You can't make them fly after they have been doing as they would like. I have found that good Tipplers are not hard to get flying, but they are hard to get down. There are far too many birds that are being sold as Tipplers that can't fly over an hour or two.

I really can't judge anyone for not flying, as I don't know what is going on in their life. Tipplers do take up time, but I have gotten it back ten fold. s/Rich Kehrer

H. J. Smith, 3105 Queen Frederica Dr., Apt. 2, Mississauga Ont., L4Y-3A5
Joseph: Thank you for your band list of FTA members. Really only wanted a list of Ontario members. However, if we come across any FTA birds we will know where they came from.

I can answer some questions concerning the "Irish Tipplers. First of all, they are a smaller type of bird than the ones I know. The birds I saw are mostly a very dark blue or grizzle. They are very long in the face, consequently, they would never be able to compete in the show pen. From the neck down, they are neat, compact, little pigeon and I do not doubt their flying ability. They seem to be alert and look like they are ready to take off.

As far as the procedure in obtaining these birds, I would suggest that you contact either Tom Rankin, Oskar Zovich or Ross Morden, all FTA members.

Tell me about your pigeons' bad habits. Sometimes they drive me up a wall. Yours in the Sport, s/ Harry J. Smith

Chet Kapa, 3805 Hunt Fd., Mayville, MI. 48744

Hello Jerry: Sure has been a while since I received the Bulletin. If you have an extra old one, I sure would appreciate one. Thanks.

I'm going to band some late youngsters and need some bands, also am sending my Dues. Enclosed is my check for \$21.50. If in case you don't have 25 bands, send what you have.

I'm still looking for the Blue Grizzle Crested Tipplers. Also, I want to thank Dale Peters for sparing some hens to go along with the cocks I bought from him two year ago. s/C.K.

NOTE: I sent Chet the 25 bands he requested, and asked Joe Russo to send him some back issues of the Bulletins. GOR

Anton Van Dalen, 166 Avenue A, New York NY 10009

Dear Joe: Finally I am taking the time to write you to let you know how much I appreciate the most recent issue you put out of the FTA Bulletin. You did a splendid job with a great variety of informative news with pictures. I will soon send you writing and visual material which you may be able to use in the future. I wish you and your Tipplers well.
s/AVD

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Summer Series I - June 8/9

YOUNG BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM
No entrants

HONOR SYSTEM

A. Fuller - (09:43)

FTA96-1279 Dk BB. FTA96-1281 Dk BB and FTA96-1282 Brz. Print. Three hens released 641AM. Komorner Tumblers released at 424PM and all down together at 425PM with last bird in trap at 426PM.

Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and David Fuller

WEATHER:

Clearing, 68-84 Degrees. Winds West at 10-15MPH and Humidity at 44%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Late release (We over slept.) They flew low, medium height. We're happy. They flew and flew and flew; we're very, very happy.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

And well you should be. Andy is our only Junior member in the FTA, and we congratulate him on winning this event. He has the sixth best time ever recorded in this event in the Honor System.

J. Kleis, Sr. - (04:12)

FTA96-416, 417, 430 and 420. Sex undetermined. released at 820AM and all down together at 12:32PM with last bird in trap at 12:36PM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. slight breeze and winds from SE. Humidity 78%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew high for about an hour and then came down to medium height. Birds all dropped together - all in all - a nice fly.

H. Kogan - (DQ)

FTA96-554, 555, 558, 559, 563 and 567. Sex undetermined. All released at 623AM. Disqualified as Hawk got bird 567 at 9AM and after that birds not sighted for 3 hours. Remaining 5 birds came down at 255PM and last bird trapped at 302PM.

WEATHER:

Cloudy. 58-84 Degrees. Barometer 30.00F. Winds calm. High humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Here we go again. The hawks are doing a number on me already. Hope you had a better day.

Harry J. Smith - (DQ)

FTA96-202, 217 and 218. Sex uncertain. Released at 528AM. No further information furnished.

Disqualified because birds gone over an hour and not sighted within hour.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Not only were they gone for the hour, they never did return. They just kept on going never to be seen again. Can you top this?

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Summer Series II - June 22/23 - The Long Day

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Oskar Zovich - (DQ)

FTA94-132 & 133. FTA95-176. Three cocks (bred by Walter Wiechec) released at 436AM. Disqualified because birds went into overfly. Witnessed by Smail Basic, W. Wiechec and Tom Rankin.

WEATHER:

Overcast, 50-80 Degrees. Barometer 29.5 Winds 0-25 MPH Humidity

0-70%. FLYER'S COMMENTS:

The very best kit of birds I ever flew, never looked, just kept going. I guess they went for a lower rumble - too bad. Next time. Birds very high 11 day. At 804PM gone high Northwest and did not see them again.

HONOR SYSTEM

Howard Kogan - (0901)

FTA96-554, 555, 558, 559, 563, 568 and 569. Seven young birds, sex undetermined, released at 630AM and all down together at 331PM & 332PM with last bird in trap at 352PM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 55-76 Degrees. Barometer 29.88. Winds from N at 20-30 MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Very breezy day! I am a happy man just not to have a DQ for a change.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

I am very happy for you too, Howard. Great job, you deserve to win for your perseverance alone.

John Kleis, Sr. - (07:43)

FTA96-416, 417 430 and 420. Four birds sex uncertain, released at 745AM and all birds down together at 328PM with last bird in trap at 335PM.

WEATHER:

Overcast. 56 Degrees and no wind.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew in some light rain for first three hours.

Mike Marsella - (07:19)

FTA96-1825, 1802 and 1804. Sex uncertain. Three birds released at 558AM and all down at 117PM with last bird in trap at 127PM.

WEATHER:

Clear, sunny. 65-85 Degrees. Barometer 29.77. Winds WNW at 6MPH and Humidity at 81%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

More like "SHORT DAY". Temperature went up to 85 Degrees. Weather last week prevented training as I would have liked. Wind got very gusty also.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series III - July 6/7

YOUNG BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

No entrants.

HONOR SYSTEM

Harry J. Smith - (10:06)

FTA96-215, 219, 221. (Two cocks, one hen) released at 540AM and Fantail Droppers tossed at 346PM. Two down at 346PM and one at 348PM with last bird in trap at 350PM.

WEATHER:

Mostly cloudy. 60-80 Degrees. Moderate wind from SW.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

First fly for these birds - not too bad.

GARY HULST - (06:23)

FTA96-1306, 1308 and 1309. (All Reds) Three cocks released at 541PM and Thief Pouter Droppers out at 12:04PM and all down at 12:04PM with last bird in trap at 12:32PM.

WEATHER:

Clear. 65-78. Barometer 30.01. Light SW winds. Humidity 50%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS: I finally started a day that was flyable.

Looking forward to the Fall Flys. Have some nice YBs to work with.

Howard Kogan - (06:21)

FTA96-554, 555, 558, 559, 563, 568 and 569. (Two cocks, one hen and 4 undetermined Sex) all released at 609AM. First two birds came down at 12:30PM and the remaining 5 all down at 102PM with last bird in trap at 1:19PM.

WEATHER:Partly cloudy. 44-85 Degrees. Barometer 30.10. Winds calm and high Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Cool weather to start then got sunny and hot. I'm just happy to record a completed fly again.

TO DYE FOR:

London has always been a colorful City, but lately it is even more so. That's because someone - and no one knows who, has been dyeing some of Trafalgar Square's pigeons with bright food coloring. Thus, you may now occasionally spot a pigeon that is hot pink, canary yellow, lime green or deep purple. (From the Boston Globe May 27th edition.)

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Tim Kvidera - (04:44)

FTA96-601, 603 and 605. C,H and C. Released at 513AM and all down together at 957AM with last bird in trap at 959PM.

WEATHER:

Cloudy. 76-84 Degrees. Barometer 29.78. Winds light and variable and Humidity 70-80%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I told Jerry I'd be happy with 4 hours, so I guess I am happy. The only 3 birds I have from 1st round, unbalance kit with little training. No time to try to find anything from 2nd round youngsters.

John Kleis, Sr. - (04:42)

FTA96-417, 403, 427 and 406. One cock, 3 hens released at 928AM and all three dropped on their own accord at 210PM with last bird in trap at 215PM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 80 Degrees. Winds from SW. Breezy.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Nice day for a fly. Thought they would do better time - maybe the moult.

Andy Fuller - (03:54)

FTA96-1279 (BB), 1281(BB) and 1282 Bronze Prnt. All released at 542AM. Tossed Komorner Tumblers at 936AM and all down at 936AM with last bird in trap at 942AM.

Witnessed by Mary Anne, Paul and Dave Fuller.

WEATHER:

Clear to cloudy. 79-89 Degrees. Winds from SW at 15 KTS and Humidity at 70%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Warm and Humid with storms in the area. We'll take it and prepare for the Fall Series.

Jerry O'Rourke - (03:38)

FTA96- 429, 414 and 459. C and Hen. Released at 840AM and Tumbler droppers out at 12: 8PM and all three down at 12:19PM with last bird in trap at 12:52PM.

WEATHER:

Clear. 75-90 Degrees. Barometer 29.79. Winds from WSW at 13 MPH and very Humid.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Much too hot. Birds wanted down two or three times. Finally had to throw Droppers

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

I am very happy to see such a good participation in this fly even though everyone on the board beat me. Imagine, not one DQ in the bunch. Good job everyone.

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - FALL SERIES I

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any age birds					
FA1	OFFICIAL SYSTEM			HONOR SYSTEM	
1.	13:01	F. Mirzaagha, 1992	1.	14:00	F. Ratel, 1979
2.	13:00	W. Kahlert, 1985	2.	11:50	J. Smith, 1976
3.	12:59	J. Mead, 1984	3.	11:02	J. O'Rourke, 1995
4.	12:47	R. Seabridge, 1985	4.	11:00	H. Johnson, 1977
5.	12:25	S. Basic, 1986	5.	10:49	T. Kvidera, 1982
6.	12:19	M. Kobulsky, 1986	6.	10:41	J. Smith, 1980
7.	12:15	J. Mead, 1982	7.	10:33	J. Contala, 1983
8.	12:08	O. Zovich, 1985	8.	10:12	N. Shirakbari, 1974
9.	12:02	O. Zovich, 1982		10:12	F. Ratel, 1978
10.	11:50	H. Bampffield, 1973	9.	10:07	F. Ratel, 1980
11.	11:42	J. Mead, 1987	10.	10:05	S. R. Powell, 1989
12.	11:38	R. Kennedy, 1973	11.	9:53	T. Kvidera, 1979
13.	11:34	H. Langley, 1985	12.	9:50	J. Cant, 1980
14.	11:21	G. Chater, 1985	13.	9:24	R. Mentel, 1984
15.	11:11	W. Tomsic, 1979	14.	9:23	A. Lukez, 1980
16.	11:01	V. Jendzo, 1969	15.	9:14	T. Kvidera, 1985
	11:01	O. Zovich, 1988	16.	8:53	G. Hulst, 1995
17.	10:53	O. Zovich, 1984	17.	8:50	J. Smith, 1981
18.	10:04	M. Markovic, 1982	18.	8:47	H. Kogan, 1992
19.	10:00	D. Peric, 1982	19.	8:35	E. Buraczewski, 1977
20.	9:26	B. Conboy, 1972	20.	8:22	G. Hulst, 1993

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ANY AGE BIRDS					
FA2	OFFICIAL SYSTEM			HONOR SYSTEM	
1.	12:34	J. Mead, 1984	1.	12:23	H. Johnson, 1977
2.	12:30	W. Kahlert, 1984	2.	11:50	J. Smith, 1976
3.	12:21	R. Seabridge, 1985		11:50	D. Payne, 1977
4.	12:19	A. Lukez, 1989	3.	11:38	F. Ratel, 1978
5.	12:17	R. Seabridge, 1980	4.	11:35	J. Russo, 1994
6.	12:06	W. Kahlert, 1985	5.	11:30	F. Ratel, 1980
7.	12:00	J. Mead, 1982	6.	11:26	E. Ball, 1973
8.	11:34	H. Bampffield, 1973	7.	11:21	M. Franz, 1986
9.	11:29	W. Tomsic, 1985	8.	11:09	M. Franz, 1984
10.	11:26	R. Seabridge, 1981	9.	11:07	G. Hulst, 1993
11.	11:07	J. Rounbehler, 1972	10.	10:50	S. R. Powell, 1987
	11:07	R. Mentel, 1984	11.	10:42	E. Buraczewski, 1974
13.	11:01	M. Kobulsky, 1985	12.	10:38	T. Kvidera, 1976
14.	10:59	R. Asencio, 1982	13.	10:30	J. Smith, 1975
15.	10:52	D. Zink, 1973	14.	10:22	T. Kvidera, 1984
16.	10:17	J&P Ehli, 1969	15.	10:06	S. Bliszczy, 1975
17.	10:14	B. Conboy, 1972	16.	10:03	J. Smith, 1975
	10:14	D. Zink, 1975	17.	9:25	N. Shirakbari, 1974
18.	10:06	B. Conboy, 1973	18.	9:11	T. Mirseyedi, 1992
19.	9:55	H. Langley, 1985	19.	9:09	G. Hulst, 1995
20.	5:55	A. Lukez, 1985	20.	9:04	W. Tomsic, 1979

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ANY AGE BIRDS

FA3	OFFICIAL SYSTEM	HONOR SYSTEM
1.	12:05 R. Seabridge, 1985	1. 13:10 F. Ratel, 1980
2.	12:02 R. Seabridge, 1980	2. 12:45 A. Lukez, 1987
3.	12:01 R. Seabridge, 1983	3. 11:53 M. Kobulsky, 1987
4.	11:57 J. Mead, 1984	4. 11:45 D. Kinneer, 1980
5.	11:48 M. Kobulsky, 1985	5. 11:34 M. Franz, 1987
6.	11:47 M. Kobulsky, 1989	6. 11:14 W. Tomsic, 1971
7.	11:36 L. Brozyna, 1984	7. 11:12 M. Franz, 1985
8.	11:35 G. Chater, 1985	8. 11:10 D. Payne, 1977
	11:35 W. Tomsic, 1985	9. 11:00 F. Ratel, 1978
9.	11:33 S. Ogozalek, 1983	10. 10:58 M. Franz, 1984
10.	11:16 S. Ogozalek, 1982	11. 10:55 H. Johnson, 1977
11.	11:25 J. Rounbehler, 1974	12. 10:41 N. Shirakbari, 1974
12.	11:23 R. Seabridge, 1981	13. 10:30 J. Smith, 1975
13.	11:19 J. Bampffield, 1973	14. 10:25 E. Ball, 1973
14.	11:12 E. Borchers, 1982	15. 10:20 W. Kahlert, 1982
15.	11:09 L. Witterich, 1982	16. 10:14 T. Kvidera, 1984
16.	10:58 B. Rotschi, 1973	17. 10:06 T. Kvidera, 1991
17.	10:53 D. Zink, 1973	18. 10:00 B. Conboy, 1974
18.	10:35 J. Prochilo, 1973	19. 9:57 G. Poirier, 1976
19.	10:34 J&P Ehli, 1969	9:57 J. Smith, 20. 9:49
20.	10:31 D. Zink, 1974	20. 9:49 T. Mirseyedi, 1992



TORONTO
DATE 7-7-96

Recently, Mr. Heinz Kaupschafer contacted me and asked me if I would exchange Canadian Tippler news and information with the German Flying Tippler Union (D.F.U.). I am honoured and will gladly do it. For the novice in our sport who do not know about Mr. Kaupschafer, he is the greatest promoter of the Tippler Sport throughout the world. I cannot overstate my respect and admiration for his dedication to our sport.

Milan Jelic, also a members of the D.F.U. is one of the best young and old bird flyers. He sent me an informative letter about improving my tipplers flying time. Once I have gathered all the details of Milan's feeding and training program, I will share it with O.T.U. and the F.T.A. members.

This year's German Long Day Fly results with 36 competitors are great. The German flyers should be congratulated. Bravo!

S. Basic

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"VACCINATION"
"PARAMYXOVIRUS"

LIMBER NECK is my name for it.

It is about time we took another look at our Paramyxovirus Program. Vaccination. If it is so good, then why is this disease spreading and multiplying every year? When is it going to stop, Level off? It never will. VACCINE IS THE DIRECT CAUSE. And all who vaccinate have created a FRANKENSTEIN. VACCINATED BIRDS ARE THE VEHICLE.

Vaccination is so wide spread 10 and 12 year old children are vaccinating their birds.

I have studied this problem since 1984, when it struck our part of the world. John Ruether, a friend, called and asked if I could look at one of his birds. My statement was, it has vertigo. I believe it to be - LIMBER NECK - is my name for it. You can call it anything you want.

Until 1984, I had seen a total of 4 birds with vertigo. Since then, 1984, I have seen thousands of them. Within 3 weeks, 17 birds, with LBN, were brought to me. They were placed into my hospital loft. Treated with half teaspoon Emytrl, half teaspoon Vionate Vitamins for days. 27 days later, all were cured and returned to their owners.

1985 - 34 birds, stricken with LBN, were treated, cured and bred. 68 YBS - they were spread throughout all my lofts. From 1985 to 1991 - a total of 711 birds were produced. Not one bird ever has LBN.

Think about this: Hundreds of birds were brought to me with LBN. I HAVE CURED 98% of them.

NOW THIS ONE: Some or all vaccine Injectables and otherwise must be done twice a year, or so I have been told. Many times, in various articles printed in Pigeon Magazines - once you start, you must vaccinate every year. But, no one has said what would happen if you did not. (SO) I did some testing.

1992 - 28 birds were vaccinated. Same 28 birds were not in 1993 - Results: 77 birds were bred from these 28 birds, making a total of 105 birds.

Results: 41 birds died - LBN, ages 2 wks to 8 months. LBN 1993. Those that survived 1994 were not vaccinated. Bred and produced 28 birds - 17 died, ages 2 days to 90 days. LBN.

INTERESTING NOTE: 7 of the survivors, all 1993 birds died in 1994.

Examined and found to be very healthy looking corpses. (No apparent reason.)

1995 -- 11 birds. Bred and produced 4 birds. Everyone died with LLBN. Ages one week to 90 days. 4 test birds died - LBN.

1996--7 birds survived. Bred and produced one bird Jan Hat, still alive. 3 others, 20 days old: one died with canker May 7, 1996. MANY EGGS DID NOT HATCH.

Summary: May 8th, 1996. Total birds survived - 11. Do you need more? Every bird died with LBN. Even the one 2 days old. (One died of Canker) May 7, 1996.

Now I know that everyone has the right to protect their investment - but please for the sake of the Pigeon.

I know that fanciers that enter their birds in contests, are concerned about contact with other's birds, and you should be. After all, did you not vaccinate, and put this Germ that you are so concerned into your Pigeon? But, enough of that. All you need to do is use half

teaspoon Clorox to gal water every day; but never when you medicate. Clorox breaks down chemicals in some medicines.

"BUT CLOROX KILLS BACTERIA". Use it and I guarantee you will NEVER have Parathyphoid, Pox, One eyed colds. Use tablespoon to gal. water in the bath pan -- No lice. 1677

That's a lot of guaranteeing. I promise you it will not slow your birds down. Further, you just may beat the world.

Thought occurs to me. If Tracy had not vaccinated his bird, he just might have beat them all.

Racing Pigeon Fanciers:

WATER: Do not fear for your birds if you do the following. In proportion, put Clorox in your transportation tanks.

FEED: If you are going to just throw it into shipping crates floor, where the birds have pooped the entire trip, forget the whole thing.

SUGGESTION: Perhaps feeding trays outside of shipping crates. With all the brain power we have out there, I am sure we can overcome this problem.

TRANSMISSION

Only through: Water fountain, contaminated feed, leaking roof and/or aviary.

Birds confined in 3 section loft, divided by one quarter inch mesh wire housing: Cured birds, vaccinated birds, sick birds (LBN). No transmission in 4 years.

SICK BIRDS (LBN ONLY)

Remember how frightened you were, when you became ill. A sick bird is frightened also. Help them. Remove them to your hospital loft or cage. Make it easy for them to eat and drink. Use open, but protected water and feed containers; don't make them fight for survival. Make sure they get a drink each day. They will drink a lot of water. Place them on medication. Watch their improvement. After the bird gets its head out from between its legs, watch this bird closely. You can see, feel, and almost hear its THANK YOU.

When LBN strikes, about 10% of the birds are stricken. 90% remain healthy. Learned, well educated people advise us to kill them all. Sick or not sick. Go out and buy new stock (healthy?) - Most likely vaccinated and potential carriers.

Many things were left out because space does not permit. I am well aware that everyone has a right to protect their investment, property, kingdom, whatever. Do what you must. But, anyone who can, and is willing to -- next time, do not kill them. Cure and breed them. They are your key to freedom from LBN disease.

Should you need a vet, get one who is qualified for pigeons. Many are not.

I am not a vet, but if I can help any any way: Call or write: I will respond. Free. No charge. No obligations.

May God bless each and everyone of you, and your loved ones. "Blessed peace be with you." --- "We are so few."

RESPECTFULLY,

S/ BEN GETKA
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This article was written by Ben Getka and is his opinion. As secretary of this Club I'll print any members article. I do feel that I have to respond to this one. I believe it to be very dangerous to our members. His theory on not vaccinating his birds for Paramyxovirus goes against every veterinary article I have read, my own experience and the experience of all the pigeon fanciers in the world. There are many other illnesses that have the same symptoms of paramyxovirus and without an autopsy and Lab work, you may never know. I do agree with Ben about clorox killing bacteria and trying to cure your birds.

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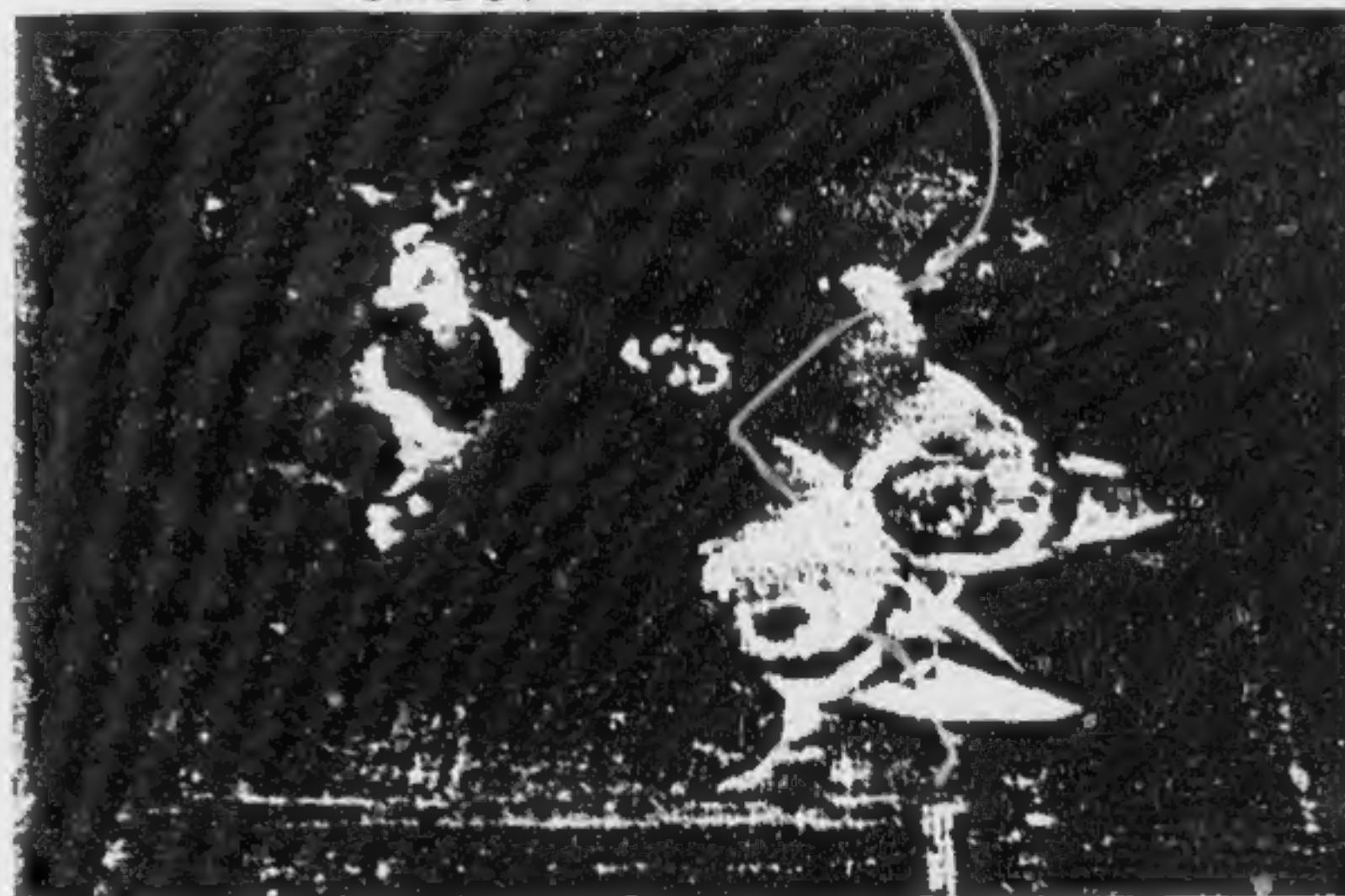
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Jack Prescott, 6 Goore Ave., Sheffield, England S94GE

Hello Joe: Your Bulletin was received this morning (June 22nd) and as usual I am answering within a couple of hours. Now, this is excellent, Joe, you are doing a fantastic job - your efforts really do surprise me and the Bulletin is definitely an excellent support for the fancy.

I surely do appreciate your kindness in sending me the copies and will respond by 100% cooperation in anything that you may ask of me.

I fully do agree with your article - ref - submitting of a flying sheet notwithstanding poor results. The late Ken Brown of Sheffield always sent in his sheet and some of his times were pathetically low. He used to say "Jack, I sent in an honest sheet because this is instructive to novices and indicates that the top fanciers can fall down and with no alibi."

I confess, Joe, that with my kit of competitive Rollers, I sometimes do get pathetic results. Even when the weather at ground level seems to be excellent, my own birds for some reason, actually fail to please me. Often, if I had any hair, I'd tear it out and cuss and swear. However, at the age of 72, I've learned that no man is the complete master of his pigeons. They all have an unpredictability, a will of their own that no man has ever conquered. Yet, between you and me, Joe, I'm glad that we never will. For what is more boring than complete predictability. Surely, Joe, it's the surprises, the extremes, the shocks, and the problems that make life interesting. Okay - we solve one problem and create another problem. BUT, THIS IS LIFE??

Herewith the photo copies of my articles in May and June issues of Feather World which I have also sent to David Fuller. Also, an Ad for anti-Hawk system which seems to be effective over here.

Okay, Joe, thanks again. Anything I can do - you've got it - no problem. Best wishes, s/ J.P.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

November, 1996

Copy to: Buraczewski, Kehrer, Russo, O'Rourke, Kogan, Basic, Beat, Ogozalek, Powell, Tomsic, Zovich

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As you probably noticed in the past FTA Bulletin there was not a response from the membership for nominations for officers and we are planning to continue on the next two years with the slate of officers from the past.

I am enclosing the results from the membership balloting on the proposed FTA Constitution and Fly Rule changes to give you all a preview before they come out in the December Bulletin. Most of the results are pretty much cut and dry. But we have a couple of issues that we need to take care of as the Executive Board -- we need to set the dates for the upcoming fly season to include a Winter Series, decide on when the young birds will have scheduled flys, what to do about awards, a Novice program and what to charge for a "Season Pass" rate for our fly competitions.

Some of these need immediate attention, well actually they all need to be worked out real soon. The one that could take some time and is not necessarily needed to be completed before the next fly season is the development of a Novice program, but even here the sooner we can get it put together the better.

FLY SCHEDULE -- We need to set the dates for the Winter Series ASAP. Richard Kehrer in past correspondence has suggested that it be set up as a set of three every other week ending a month before the Spring Series old bird flys. For 1997 that would make it a March season - March 1/2, March 15/16 and March 29/30. Four weeks later, if we go with our traditional way of setting our dates (working off the weekend closest to Long Day and going every other weekend forward) the Spring Series would be April 26/27, May 10/11 and May 24/25 followed by the Summer Series June 7/8, June 21/22 and July 5/6. The Fall Series would end with a dedicated Stock Fly the last weekend of October (25th/26th) and have three any age flys every two weeks prior -- September 13/14, September 27/28 and October 11/12. Now how does that schedule fit with any other known schedules? Last year we switched some dates to be on the same weekends as the FTS and ATU. I am not sure that it did anything to increase our turnout as we at that time had a half hour before sunrise release time, and I am not sure what it did to us in comparison to the OTU dates. Maybe if those clubs have set their dates someone can fill us in on them, or if not then maybe we set our dates and let them adjust if desired. Anyway the sooner we set ours the better the membership will be able to set their calendars for the upcoming season.

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When you look at the balloting results concerning the timing of a young bird series you will note that I tabulated more votes than the 20 respondents would justify. That is because some voted for both the Summer and Fall Series as being for young birds. We need to decide what it will be. My preference would be to leave it as young birds only in the Summer Series, with the exception of any age in the Long Day, as we have been doing for decades. And let any age be flown in the Fall Series.

The membership has decided that young birds can be flown in old bird contests and that one can compete with a stock kit in any fly. Do we want to offer anything special, awards wise, for the best time for a stock kit throughout the year?

It looks like the membership wants us to award ribbons for the top placing kits. Howard Kogan at one time volunteered to look into the costs and possibilities of ribbons. Howard, hopefully you are still willing. Please get us some information so we can decide what to spend and what we can get for what we can afford. Possibly a rosette for first place and smaller ribbons for 2nd, 3rd, etc. May need different wording for Official System vs. Honor System.

We need thoughts on how the Novice Program ought to be set up. How about someone stepping forward and be willing to chair a committee to develop the program and submit it for Executive Board review.

Our current fee structure for the competition fly is \$3.00 per fly. The members voted to have a "season pass" rate made available. We need to come up with one. I would expect that most would fly no more than 10 times a year. How about \$20.00 for the year? It would be a bargain for any who fly in 7 or more contests. Any other thoughts?

Anyone out there good at typing and proof reading? No Jerry, I do not want you to take this on. But with the changes just accepted by the membership we need to republish the Constitution and Fly Rules. Someone willing to tackle the job? Would need a word processor or the like.

Attached you will find a ballot which hopefully will allow us to determine resolution to a couple issues and give you a chance to voice opinions on any other issues that we should be addressing in the next term. Please respond immediately. If there is a consensus and a quick enough response we may be able to get the fly schedule and season pass rate published in the December bulletin.

Oops, another thing we need to settle. How do we pre-register non-FTA bands for young bird flies? Pay a fee before season starts? How much? Or how about charging a higher fly entry fee for non-FTA youngsters? We need to figure this out by the time June gets here.

Have a great holidays.

Best wishes
Jim